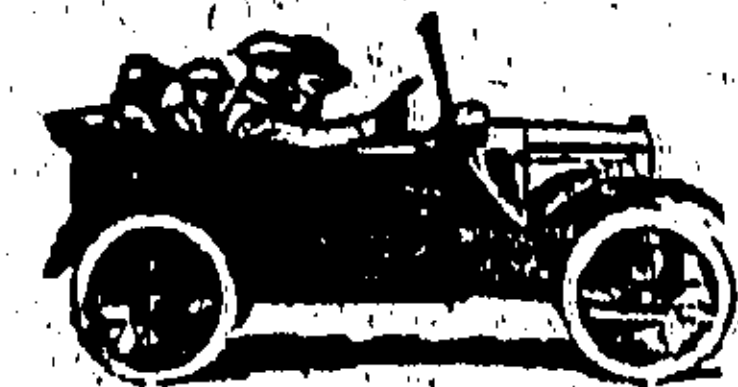


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HONGKONG'S BEGGARS. A SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM. CANTON ASYLUMS.

Local Philanthropist's Notable Scheme.

"Make provision for the old or infirmed mendicants but mete out fitting and adequate punishment to the pretenders and the nuisance will largely disappear" was the solution suggested by a Chinese philanthropist when approached by the "China Mail" on the subject of Hongkong's beggars.

Beyond a few who really have the welfare of the Colony's human derelicts at heart, most people here give hardly a thought to the problem.

Beggars are always being roped in and repatriated to their homes, the greater majority being sent to Canton under police charge. By reason of Canton's proximity, this method can only be effective to a small degree. Practically all the "old hands" take the next boat back to Hongkong.

There are in Canton, at present, a number of huge asylums, one or two of which shelter the infirm and the blind, respectively. The work of these great homes is best described in an appeal issued by His Lordship the Bishop of Canton (the Right Rev. Antoine Fourquet, O. S. B., Vicar Apostolic) whose Chinese name (Cantonese pronunciation) is Ngai Cheung Mau, which reads, in English:

"The Government of Hongkong has been kind enough to authorise an appeal for funds in favour of the Three Asylums for the Aged and Blind of both sexes in Canton. These asylums now shelter 2,200 inmates and they depend for their upkeep on the Government of Canton. In normal times, the sum allotted monthly for the maintenance of these institutions amounts to a little over \$5,000. But unfortunately since political dissensions kindled the flames of civil war, this sum has been only partially paid, and often not at all. In the case, no cash is forthcoming."

In connection with the appeal, the "China Mail" learns from Mr. Li Shou-ching, Vice-chairman of the Chung Sing Benevolent Society (a leading Chinese organisation of charity of which Mr. Tsung Tso, the local coal merchant is chairman), that it is hoped to arouse sufficient interest in Hongkong to make the institutions self-supporting for a while. Part of the scheme, if approved, can be made to include the taking over of Hongkong's infirm beggars.

The institution is strictly non-sectarian, and the majority of inmates are pagans. Mr. Li said, from almost every province in China. A few are Christians or Mahomedans. Freedom of belief is complete. Admission is seldom if ever denied. Some of the inmates are former Hongkong beggars, while others have drifted back from the Straits Settlements, the East Indies, Shanghai, North China, &c. There are several ex-district magistrates in the homes.

Mr. Li thinks it will be a good idea, since the majority of street beggars are Cantonese, to arrange for them to be taken over by the Canton asylums when they have been roped in by the Hongkong Police. Able-bodied shamblers should be taught a lesson but help might be extended in finding them work.

In return for the Canton asylums taking over Hongkong's undesirable beggars, Mr. Li suggests that some financial contribution should be made by the Colony.

At present, a number of female voluntary workers are collecting money in Hongkong. As it is felt that business men can hardly spare the time to give ear from time to time, the Chung Sing Benevolent Society proposes to sponsor the appeal by which it is hoped to put the Asylums on their feet and to provide suitable light work for those able to perform it, so that even a small revenue will be forthcoming. Details of the appeal will be announced in due course.

The suggestion of co-operation with Canton, Mr. Li concluded, is well worth the earnest consideration of every Hongkong resident and particularly of Hongkong Government.

Missions of Penance?
Reference has been made to an article which appeared in the "China Mail" some time ago,

subsequent to which a correspondent made a number of observations. In connection with the problem of beggars, it has since been learned that there are a number of Chinese able-bodied women who are to be found continually on the streets begging for a living. Most of these are of sampan origin and they are pledged to beg for a living for a certain number of years, if not for the remainder of their lives. In return for some boon from their gods they have given the undertaking which they devoutly perform.

MORE STRIFE?

Serious Canton
Position.

ARSENAL IN DANGER.

YUNNAN TROOPS' SUDDEN
COUP.

(Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.)

Peking, April 29.

Foreign telegram from Canton state that the troops yesterday afternoon surrounded the Canton Arsenal, thus creating a serious situation, which may result in the complete collapse of the present civil administration very shortly.

The leaders are negotiating, hoping to prevent open hostilities. [The Canton Arsenal has been the bone of contention between the Yunnanese army on the one hand and the Cantonese Government and Army on the other. Recently it was still turning out

HOME TURF.

MANNA WINS TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS.

SHANGHAI MAN'S VICTORY.

Will Mr. Henry Morris Win The Derby?

Mr. Henry Morris, owner of the "Field" string of ponies in Shanghai, has won the Two Thousand Guineas race, considered by many as a direct step to the Derby, the Blue Ribband of the Home Turf.

A LONG PRICE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 29.

The result of the Two Thousand Guineas, (one mile), run at Newmarket to-day is as follows:

1. Manna.
2. St. Bevan.
3. Oglah.
Starting prices: 100/8 Manna; 9/1 St. Bevan; 10/1 Oglah.
There were thirteen starters.
Won by two lengths; four lengths between second and third.
"Later."

The winner of the Two Thou-

sand Guineas is owned by Mr. Harry Morris of Shanghai.

Mr. "Harry Morris" should, of course, read Mr. Henry Morris, who, like Sir Paul Chater, Mr. "John Peel" and others, has won many classic events with China ponies. Mr. Morris's successes out here have been confined, mainly, to North China. Rayfield, owned by "Mr. Warrack" and Friarsfield, in the "Dynasty" stable, which have raced in Hongkong this season, are believed to have started in the Morris colours.

The name of St. Bevan, who ran second, has not been recognised in Home turf news to hand and there may have been a mutilation.

Till a week or so ago, Picaroon was a hot favourite but he was "crooked."

The Derby, (one and a half miles), will be run at Epsom on May 27.

MR. C. R. BURKILL HERE.

By a coincidence there arrived in the Colony by the s.s. Morea almost at the same time as the cable announcing the success of Mr. Henry Morris a friend of his and a friendly rival in the Shanghai and home racing world, Mr. "Chuck" (C.R.) Burkill who is returning to Shanghai from Home to ride in the races commencing in Shanghai on Monday.

He told a "China Mail" representative who chatted with him this morning that he had just heard the result of the Two Thousand Guineas from Mr. T. E. Pearce, although he remarked, "I knew all along it was as certain a thing as in racing one can reckon."

Mr. Burkill remarked with a twinkle that he had won "quite a bit" on the race. "I told them all on board what was going to win, too. Morris rang me up to say that he was not entering for the Craven Stakes but he was for the Two Thousand, and was sure he would carry it off."

Asked if racing appeared the same to him as when he was last Home, Mr. Burkill replied that there was little change, except in the weather and that "well it seems to get worse and worse."

Mr. Burkill has not ridden whilst he has been at Home, except for hunting, much of which has been in the company of Mr. Archie David, of Hongkong and Shanghai, who is best known as "Mr. Knoll" and who is now at Home.

Mr. Burkill has transferred from the Morea to the Empress of Asia in order that he may have more time to make arrangements for the Shanghai races. "No, I can't give you any tips," he smilingly remarked at parting, "I am too much out of things."

PEAK FIRE LOSS.

Upon enquiry at Messrs. Linstead and Davis, the local agents for the house occupied by Prof. Forster, which was gutted recently, the "China Mail" was informed that the architects, Messrs. Leigh and Orange, were estimating the damage done.

Messrs. Leigh and Orange informed the "China Mail" upon enquiry that their investigations were not yet complete and it was impossible to give even approximately the amount that would have to be expended on the rebuilding.

Speaking at the monthly meeting of the Hongkong Chinese Chamber of Commerce Committee yesterday, Mr. J. M. Wong, vice-chairman, proposed that, in response to a letter from the Chinese members on the Legislative Council and others, that a memorial to the late Mr. Lau Chu-pak be placed in the Chamber. This proposal was adopted and subscriptions were limited to a maximum of \$20. The late Mr. Lau served on the Council, was chairman of the Chamber and was awarded, posthumously, the C.M.G.

Shanghai, April 29.—The Pan-chan Lama arrived at six o'clock this evening.

CABARET APACHES ROB WEALTHY WOMEN.



Left: LOUISE LAWSON. Below: DOROTHY KING. Mrs. FAY PERKINS. Mrs. IRENE SCHNEIDER. Below: EDITH BOBE.

To the long list of jewel robberies that have followed the custom of society women of wearing thousands of pounds worth of gems to the supper clubs and cabarets has been added the sensational robbery of \$5,000 in gems. Both Mrs. Perkins and Mr. Abbott were savagely beaten. Dorothy King and Louise Lawson, robbed in the same way, were killed by their assailants. Mrs. Irene Schenkopf was robbed of \$70,000 worth of gems in a like fashion, while Mme. Edith Bobe, wealthy modiste, lost a fortune in jewels in a similar holdup.

MUTING SEQUEL.

NINETY ALLEGED REBELS
ARRESTED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Macao, April 29.

About ninety more alleged mutineers from Chinshan are reported to have been taken off the s.s. Sui An to-day, as a result of the Chinese garrison just outside Macao rising, and shooting down officers.

From Canton, the gunboat Kong Koo has arrived, ostensibly, to keep an eye on the garrison on Lappa, which is stated to have flown the black flag of the mutineers at Chinshan.

Of the twenty or thirty reported shot yesterday, one was a staff officer, another an adjutant and the remainder only bodyguards who resisted the mutineers' attack.

Most of those roped in are to be sent back to Canton to be dealt with.

HOME MAILS.

The mail room staff of the G. P. O. had an unenviable task in being called upon to deal with the Home mail this afternoon in the midst of the work of despatching two outward mails to Australia and the U.S.A.

The mail by the P. & O. Morea amounted to 311 bags letters dated London, April 2, and 114 bags parcels of March 26. Delivery of letters will commence about 4 o'clock this afternoon, the parcels having obviously to be dealt with at night for delivery commencing to-morrow morning.

Paris, April 29.—In a circular to other ministers, requesting them to send in their 1926 budget estimates before May 15, M. Caillaux urges them to exercise the most strict economy and to cut down expenditure wherever possible.—Hayas.

small arms and ammunition. It has been "desired" by the Yunnanese mercenaries for some time. Outwardly there have been no strained relations between the Cantonese and Yunnanese, but the projected invasion of Kwangtung by Tsuchun Tang Chi-yao of Yunnan may have brought matters to a head.]

SZECHUAN SITUATION.

(Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.)

Peking, April 29.

It will be remembered that the Government recently issued a mandate authorising Liu Hsiang to censor the actions of General Yang Sen, Tupan of Szechuan. Liu Hsiang wired declining the mission entrusted to him on the ground that fighting had already occurred. The Government, therefore, sent General Kao Wai-chiu to Szechuan to study the situation.

According to the latest Chinese reports, Yang Sen is still gaining ground. The Commander of his Fourth Division, Yang Chun-fang, completely defeated the forces under Liu Wen-hui, one of Lai Hsin-hui's Generals, at Kaikang, near Luchow.

Lai Hsin-hui is now attempting to move to the south in the hope of seizing the saltfields at Szeli-ching, but in this direction also he is being checked by another of Yang Sen's divisions under Ho Chin-ao.

One case of diphtheria, Chinese, was notified yesterday.

HAVE YOU WON?

HANKOW CHAMPIONS
RESULT.

(Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.)

Hankow, April 29.

The race for the Hankow Champions resulted as follows:

The Linnet 1
Hypocrite 2
Blue Peter 3
The sweepstake numbers are: 1, 1,041; 2, 7,066; 3, 3,355.

CAPTAIN'S DEATH.

SAD NEWS FROM CANTON.

B. & S. SKIPPER DIES.

His many friends on the China Coast will regret to learn of the death of Captain F. M. Dillon, of the China Navigation steamer Suiyang.

Captain Dillon passed away at Canton last night.

It was noticed that the B. & S. ships in harbour flew their flag at half-mast to-day as a mark of respect.

Later.

Found Shot.

Captain Francis Michael Dillon was found shot yesterday afternoon in his cabin, and nearby was a revolver.

He had been in the service of the C.N. Co. for 22 years and had made a home in Shanghai. Capt. Dillon was a native of Plymouth. In his service out here, he had commanded several ships and in February, 1924, underwent an operation.

The Suiyang had proceeded to Canton from Hongkong, and returned here this afternoon. The funeral takes place this afternoon. It has been stated that an inquiry will be held.

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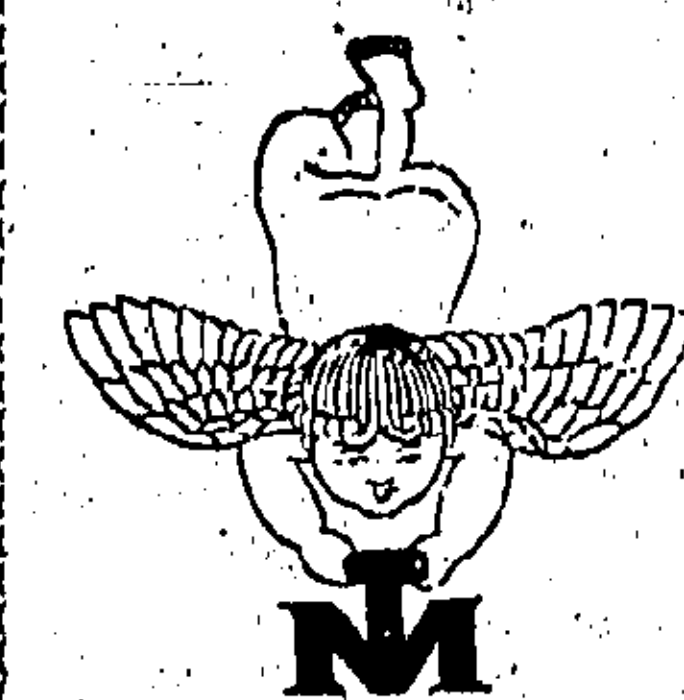
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The Transfer Books of the Company
 in respect of the New Issue of Shares
 will be closed from WEDNESDAY,
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 DAY, the 2nd day of May, 1925,
 (both days inclusive) during which
 period no Transfer of Shares of the
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JOHN D. BUMPHEYS & SON,
 General Managers.
 Hongkong, 20th April, 1925.

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 will be held at St. George's Building,
 Chater Road, Victoria, on
THURSDAY, the 7th MAY, 1925,
 at 2.30 o'clock p.m. for the purpose
 of receiving a Statement of Accounts
 and the Report of the General
 Managers for the period ended
 31st March, 1925, and electing a
 Consulting Committee and Auditors.
 The Transfer Books of the Com-
 pany will be closed from MONDAY,
 the 4th May, 1925, until THURSDAY,
 the 7th May, 1925, both days
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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
 General Managers.
 Hongkong 21st April, 1925.

THE CANTON INSURANCE
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDIN-
ARY GENERAL MEETING OF
 Shareholders will be held at the
 Office of the undersigned on
THURSDAY, the 14th May, 1925,
 at Noon, for the purpose of receiving
 the Report of the General Agents,
 together with a Statement of
 Accounts for the year ended the
 31st December, 1924.

The Share Register and Transfer
 Books will be closed from the 1st
 to the 14th May, 1925, both days
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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
 General Agents.
 Hongkong, 27th April, 1925.

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 Hongkong, 28th April, 1925.

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alias WONG PUI (黃培)
alias WONG LOK SIN TONG
(黃樂善堂)
 Deceased.

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 tions and/or Firms who have
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 on the matter are requested to give
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 other assets which they may have
 held on behalf of the abovesaid
 deceased on the 13th February, 1923
 and/or at the present time and also
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Dated this 27th day of April 1925.
MR. G. R. HAYWOOD,
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NOTICE.

MR. SYDNEY HAMPTON ROSS,
 Chartered and Incorporated
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PERCY SMITH, SEYMOUR FLEMING,
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Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	咸牛肉	lb. 34	23 20
Roast—Shiu Ngau Yuk	燒牛肉	lb. 30	24 22
Breast—Ngau Hung	牛腩	lb. 24	20 18
Soup—Tong Yuk	湯肉	lb. 24	20 18
Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	牛肉排	lb. 29	24 22
Steak Sirloin—Ngau Lau	牛腩	lb. 36	30 35
Sausages—Ngau Cheung	牛腸	lb. 20	26 20
Bullock's Brains—Ngau No	牛腦	per set 12	10 12
Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li	牛舌	each 60	50 60
Tongue, corned—Ham Ngau Li	咸牛舌	lb. 1.00	1.00 1.20
Head—Ngau Tau	牛頭	lb. 16	13 14
Heart—Ngau Sam	牛心	lb. 12	10 12
Hump, Salt—Ngau Chun	牛肩	lb. 24	20 18
Feet—Ngau Keuk	牛腳	each 12	10 12
Kidneys—Ngau Yiu	牛腰	lb. 12	10 12
Tail—Ngau Mei	牛尾	lb. 22	20 22
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Pigs' Chittlings—Chu Chong	豬肚	lb. 35	— 27
Brains—Chu No	豬腦	per set 3	— 12
Feet—Chu Keuk	豬腳	lb. 18	15 —
Fry—Chu Chup	豬什	lb. 30	15 18
Head—Chu Tau	豬頭	lb. 24	20 —
Heart—Chu Sam	豬心	each 15	10 10
Kidneys—Chu Yiu	豬腰	lb. 12	10 8
Liver—Chu Kon	豬肝	lb. 43	30 24
Pork Chop—Chu Pei Kwat	豬排	lb. 38	25 23
Leg—Chu Pei	豬腿	lb. 32	28 27
Loin—Chu Hau Tun	豬後腿	lb. 15	— —
Fat or Lard—Chu Yau	豬油	lb. 22	21 —
Sheep's Head & Feet—Young Tau-Keuk	羊頭及腳	set 85	60 70
Heart—Young Sam	羊心	each 14	8 7
Kidneys—Young Yiu	羊腰	lb. 15	12 10
Liver—Young Kon	羊肝	lb. 48	26 25
Sucking Pigs, to order—Chu Tsai	乳豬	lb. 25	25 22
Suet, Beef—Shang Ngau Yau	牛油	lb. 26	20 18
Mutton—Shang Ngau Yau	羊油	lb. 48	26 24
Ven—Ngau Tsai Yuk	鹿油	lb. 30	20 19
Sausages—Ngau Tsai Cheung	牛仔腸	lb. 26	20 20

Fish.

Barbel—Ka Yu	魚	lb. 24	19 24
Bream—Pin Yu	魚	lb. 38	20 16
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	魚	lb. 32	18 16
Carp—Li Yu	魚	lb. 42	16 27
Catfish—Chik Yu	魚	lb. 42	12 9
Codfish—Mun Yu	魚	lb. 40	20 25
Crabs—Hui Yu	蟹	lb. 68	23 26
Cuttle Fish—Muk Yu	魚	lb. 24	16 2
Dab—Sha Mang Yu	魚	lb. 60	28 15
Dace—Wong Mei Lap	魚	lb. 14	10 9
Dog Fish—Tit To Sha	魚	lb. 10	10 8
Eels, Conger—Hoi Man	魚	lb. 36	16 —
Fresh water—Tam Shai Yu	魚	lb. 28	20 18
Yellow—Wong Sin	魚	lb. 50	26 30
Frogs—Tin Kai	魚	lb. 55	32 25
Garoupa—Shek Pan	魚	lb. 72	40 30
Gudgeon—Pak Kap Yu	魚	lb. 20	18 15
Herrings—Tao Pak	魚	lb. 38	22 18
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kap	魚	lb. 32	18 23
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	魚	lb. 36	22 18
Loach—Wu Yu	魚	lb. 75	22 24
Lobsters—Lung Ha	魚	lb. 55	32 21
Mackerel—Chi Yu	魚	lb. 35	20 26
Monk Fish—Mong Yu	魚	lb. 48	32 28
Mullet—Tsai Yu	魚	lb. 24	18 2
Oysters—Shang Ho	魚	lb. 80	16 22
Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Yu	魚	lb. 28	14 9
Perch—Tau Lo	魚	lb. 28	20 15
Pike—Fa Pau Fong	魚	lb. 18	16 9
Plaice—Pan Yu	魚	lb. 40	28 14
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	魚	lb. 42	26 29
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong	魚	lb. 50	36 40
Prawns—Ming Ha	魚	lb. 10	10 14
Ray—Fai Pa Sha	魚	lb. 22	13 18
Rock Fish—Shek Kau Kung	魚	lb. 40	22 16
Roach—Chun Yu	魚	lb. 70	36 30
Salmon—Ma Yu	魚	lb. 12	8 10
Shark—Sha Yu	魚	lb. 16	10 10
Skate—Pe Yu	魚	lb. 42	26 35
Shrimps—Lap Yu	魚	lb. 50	32 30
Soles—Tat Sha Yu	魚	lb. 32	28 28
Tench—Wan Yu	魚	lb. 38	22 18
Turbot—Tao Hau Yu	魚	lb. 28	18 12
Tutles, small, fresh water—Keuk Yu	魚	lb. \$1.20	40 —

Poultry.

	April 16, 1925.	June, 1913.	June, 1914.
Chicken—Kai	雞	lb. 48	30 31
Capons, Small—Sin Kai	雞	lb. 48	28 30
Capons, Large—Sin Kai	雞	lb. 50	28 30
Duck—Ap	鴨	lb. 42	22 21
Doves—Pan Kau	鴿	each 30	— —
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan (cooking)	蛋	per doz 30	18 —
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan (fresh)	蛋	per doz 36	25 20
Fowls, Canton—Kai	本地雞	lb. 56	38 24
Fowls, Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	海南雞	lb. 34	28 —
Geese—Nga	鴨	lb. 34	24 24
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap	鴿	each 45	30 —
" Hoihow—Hoi Hau Pak Kap	鴿	each 35	23 —
Turkeys, Cock—Fo Kai Kung	火雞	lb. \$1.00	60 —
Turkeys, Hen—Fo Kai Na	火雞	lb. 75	51 45
Snipe—Sha Tsui	沙山	each —	22 —
Pheasant—Shan Kai	山雞	each —	80 —
Quail—Om Chun	鷄	— —	— —
Partridges—Che Ku	鷄	— —	— —

Fruits.

Almonds—Hang Yan	杏仁	lb. 38	35 —
Apples (California), Kam Shan Ping Ko	金山蘋果	lb. 25	24 —
Bananas (bride's), Macao—San Hoiung	蕉	lb. 5	4 —
Chiu	蕉	lb. 12	10 —
Carambola—Young To	楊桃	each 12	10 10
Cocoanuts—Ye Tao	椰子	lb. 15	7 —
Lemons, China—Ning Mung	檸檬	each 8	8 —
Lemons (American) Kam Shan Ning Mung	金山檸檬	each 35	25 30
Lichees, Dried (small stone) Lai Chi Kon	荔枝干	lb. 24	10 —
Oranges (Canton), Sweet—Shan-sheng	橙	lb. 15	— —
Tim Chang	橙	lb. 18	15 —
Pears (Canton), Cooking—Sha Li	梨	lb. 10	— —
Peanuts—Fa Shang	花生	lb. 12	10 12
Persimmons, Large—Hung Tse	柿	lb. 12	— —
Plantain—Tai Chiu	蕉	lb. 3	4 —
Pumpkin, Siam—Tsim Lo Yau	南瓜	each 14	12 6
Walnuts—Hoi To	胡桃	lb. 15	— 15
Grapes—Po Tai Tze	葡萄	lb. —	— —

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes—Ah Chi Cheuk	竹筴	each	10	—	8
Beans, Sprout—Nga Tao	豆	lb.	6	—	7
" Long—Tao Kok	菜	"	8	8	—
" Bet Root—Hung Tai Tau	菜	each	3	8	8
Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa	瓜	"	8	—	—
Brinjals, Green—Ching Yui Kwai	瓜	"	6	5	9
" Red—Hung Kee	菜	"	8	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese (common)—Kai Tsai	菜	"	8	5	12
" (Shanghai)—Ye Tsai	菜	"	14	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch—Kau Shun	筍	"	8	—	9
Cauliflower (Large)—Ye Tsai Fa	花菜	each	20	—	—
" (Medium) "	花菜	"	15	—	—
" (Small) "	花菜	"	12	—	—
Carrots—Kaim Shun	菜	lb.	8	6	6
Celery, Chinese—Tong Kan Tsai	菜	"	8	10	6
Chillies, Dried—Lat Chiu Kon	菜	"	25	25	6
" Red—Hung Fa Chiu	菜	"	15	10	16
" Green—Ching Lat Chiu	菜	"	10	8	12
Curry Stuff, English—Ka Li Chiu Liu	菜	"	10	10	10
Cucumbers—Ching Kwa	菜	each	8	2	—
" Farlic—Sun Tau	菜	lb.	8	8	—
" Ginger, Young—Sun Tsa Keung	菜	"	10	7	—
" Ginger, Old—Lo Keung	菜	"	12	10	—
" Forsradish, Shanghai—Lik Kan	菜	"	15	45	—
" Indian Corn—Shuk Mai	菜	each	8	8	4
" lettuce—Yeung Shang Tsai	菜	lb.	8	1	—
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai	菜	"	8	6	6
" Mandarin—Kwai Lam Ma Tai	菜	"	10	0	8
Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Tso Ku	菜	"	—	1	8
" kroes	菜	"	—	8	8
" onions, Bombay—Yeung Chung Tau	菜	"	8	8	8
" onions, Green—Shang Chung	菜	"	8	4	6
" onions, Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Chung	菜	"	—	—	—
" Tau	菜	"	—	—	—
" rarsley—Kun Tsai	菜	"	15	60	8
" Potato, Sweet—Fan Shu	菜	"	5	8	—
" " Japanese—Yat Pun Shu Tsai	菜	"	8	8	—
" " American—Fa Ki Shu Tsai	菜	"	5	8	10
" pumpkin—Tung Kwa	菜	"	8	3	4
" Lumpkin—Hung Lo Pak Tsai	菜	"	8	—	—
" bubarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong	菜	"	8	—	—
" allotts—Kong Chong Tau	菜	"	6	8	10
" linach—Yin Tsai	菜	"	8	4	—
" matatoes—Fan Ke	菜	"	12	7	—
" rops, Wui Tau	菜	"	5	6	—
" rns—Punti (Long)—Lo Pak	菜	"	5	4	—
" getable Marrow—Tsai Kwan	菜	"	10	15	—
" getable Marrow—Tsai Kwa	菜	"	6	—	—
" Water Cress—Sal Yeung Tsai	菜	"	8	6	—

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BRITAIN'S BUDGET.

An army may march on its stomach, but a nation marches on its bank-book. Hence the vital importance each year of the Budget.

Many expressive phrases have been used to describe this year's Budget, from "a healthy tonic for all" ("The Financial Times") to "the worst rich man's Budget ever introduced" (Mr. Philip Snowden as reported in to-day's cables), but the best index is to be found, as usual, in the attitude of the Exchanges. Taking this criterion, we find that the Budget is an excellent one, stocks having promptly appreciated, both in London and New York. Equally striking has been the further advance of sterling towards parity. Principally of course these results have been due to the Government's decision to return to the gold standard, which an influential American newspaper considers "a momentous event." That it is one which will go a long way in restoring the world's unsettled economic conditions and result in a great impetus to trade, is proved by the fact, cabled from New York to-day, that the franc appreciated a few points on the mere rumour that France intends to follow Britain's example and also return to the gold standard. Whether France is in a financial position to adopt this "bold policy" is of course another ques-

tion—the echoes of her recent political crisis are still ringing in the world's ears—but the fact remains that Britain's Budget this year marks the beginning of a new era for post-war credit and commerce.

For this alone Mr. Winston Churchill's first Budget would be a notable effort; but it has other claims to praise as well.

The first that occurs to the mind is of course the cut in the income tax, basically sixpence but amounting to a shilling for the small income tax-payer who earns his living. Next comes the great insurance scheme, designed to become self-supporting in the course of time, which will "cover virtually the whole area of the wage-earning population." The cut in the income tax was to be expected—at the least it was to be prayed for—but the insurance scheme, looking to its eventual aim of placing the masses beyond actual want, and making Britain "truly a home for all its people," is statesmanship of the highest order. There are other items in the Budget which invite comment—such as the new taxes and the steady reduction of the nation's debts—but as these have become a common feature of recent budgets, we must be content to dismiss them under the heading applied by Reuters to the tone of the comment in the Home newspapers, namely "like the Curate's egg, good and bad in parts."

Altogether it can be said that the Budget reveals the best traits of the nation—imaginative courage and sound, practical sense.

Goodwill.

The end of the Boer war saw vast territory in South Africa added to the dominions of the Empire. Later it saw an act of good faith, goodwill and bold statesmanship, on the part of the Liberal Government under the leadership of the late Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman in giving the conquered state a free mandate to govern itself. One time enemies became loyal adherents and in this connection the names of Botha and Smuts readily occur to the mind. The change of political faiths in South Africa has meant the rise to office of an independent and forceful spirit in the person of General Herzog. In him may be seen the application of the old saw that to silence a critic a good method is to give him work to do or a position to hold. A Socialist Government in England found that revolutionary theories were one thing, the carrying out of

them quite another. The revolutionary Herzog—deeply Dutch in sentiment—in office, is not so revolutionary. He sees the danger in sequestration and his plea for what amounts to consideration and goodwill will find ready listeners. The British Government is not likely to go back on the gift. It gave of free government, and it is not likely to sound any note of superiority, although its free gift is not to be despised or ignored. Similarly it is not likely to accept superior gestures from the people or the place it has conquered. There is a danger in scattered parts of the Empire—like grown-up children—feeling its need of the guiding hand of less moment than in the early days. Union is strength. In season there is weakness—more so from the lesser of the two bodies. To talk of secession is a weakness. The sooner it is relegated to the limbo of forgotten things the better.

Death Duties.

The Home Government is raising the Death Duties and once again the possession of wealth is seen to have certain disadvantages. When these Duties were introduced by a former Chancellor of the exchequer—the late Sir William Harcourt—they were in the nature of an experiment—somewhat of a joke. Like higher prices once instituted—so with new taxes—it is hard to get back to the beginning. Death Duties since their inception have steadily increased; they continue at an increasing rate. All contribute according to the amount left above a certain stated figure. It was an original idea and the only people to rail against it are those who benefit under wills and whose benefaction is reduced by the amount deducted for these Duties. It may not be an ideal form of taxation, but for recirculating money it has everything to commend it. There are doubtless ways of getting out of payment—we have heard of a wealthy man paying over a cheque before his death to his son and heir—but generally the method is regarded as a necessary evil and one to be met with equanimity.

Fire Fights.

A correspondent in to-day's issue raises the question of the provision of fire protection for residents on the Peak and considers that Tuesday's disastrous fire should serve as a warning to residents and the authorities responsible for fire protection. We endorse his observations as to the moral obligation imposed on residents, particularly those in remote places, of having handy some appliance of their own capable of nipping a conflagration in the bud, but agree with him that the matter should not end there. The practical answer to his question "why was there not enough water to fill the hose" would be that the hydrant, is some way below the house, and that therefore the water has to double back on its trucks after its drop from the reservoir. It is at places such as these that the engine pumps of Fire Brigades can supplement the limited pressure, and our correspondent has in our opinion justification for his claim that either by providing paths sufficiently broad or machines sufficiently small, the authorities should make it possible for such pumps to reach all houses which are at all practically accessible. It is interesting to recall an interview which appeared some months ago in this paper with Mr. H. T. Brooks, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade Department. Asked if such small machines were likely to come to Hongkong, Mr. Brooks replied that a turbine motor engine capable of being drawn by hand or trailer in and out of a house and over ploughed land was on order for the type to be given a trial. If such there is in the Colony it would appear that it has not come up to expectations but whether this be so or not the Government is not discharging its duty until it has taken measures either to expedite delivery or to give a trial to types of machines which would be more satisfactory.

Seats for the football matches on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday next on the club ground, Happy Valley, can now be booked at Messrs. Moutrie's, the South China Athletic Association and Mr. Wong Kam-ying's offices in Pottinger Street.

According to the "Canton Gazette," the Hongkong-Canton steamers, "for the sake of competition," have steamed too fast on the Pearl River and the Transportation Union, representing river sampans and other small craft, has petitioned the Customs authorities for relief.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

Few, if any, Hongkong people will worry about search-bing for May-trees; yet boys did this, according to an old Roman Kalender, on April 30. At Penzance a number of young men and women assemble together at a Public House and sit up till the clock strikes twelve, when they go round the town with violins, drums and other instruments, and by sound of music call upon others to join them. As soon as the party is formed, they proceed to different farm-houses within four or five miles of the neighbourhood, where they are expected as May morning comes; and they partake of a beverage called junket, made of raw milk and rennet, or running, as it is called, sweetened with sugar, and a little cream added. After regaling themselves in other ways they gather the May. While some are breaking down the boughs others sit and make the "May-music" and thus it goes on including a dance through the town. The custom varies in other parts of England. In Hongkong it never varies. April 30 is but the prelude to May and at this it begins and ends.

The fire on the Peak A JOKE reminds one of the Drury Lane Theatre fire on the 24th February, 1809. Sheridan was in the House of Commons when the catastrophe occurred and when the news reached the House, such was the estimation in which he was held, that an adjournment was proposed. An immense crowd had gathered at the fire, and soldiers had been called out to keep order. Sheridan was pushed back by the soldiers and his witty expostulation, "Surely a man may warm himself at his own fire" was probably not fully appreciated in the excitement of the occasion.

Those who believe in such FIRE MASCOTS, lieve in such things should be interested to be told that a hot cross bun is a powerful mascot against fire. The most persistent belief about them is that they never mildew as all other kinds of bread will do, whilst if a bun is kept from one year to another there will be no danger of the house being burnt down. It seems obvious that Professor Forster neglected to take this precaution. A three-coloured cat is said to be a certain protection against the house in which it lives being destroyed by fire. Patriotic Britishers should of course procure the red, white and blue variety. Another remedy against fire is said to be House leek, which should be hung near the chimney. Failing all this the importation of a stork is recommended. In Holland and Germany the country folk say no house will be burnt down if storks build on it. Perhaps though the best remedy is to take proper precautions including the taking out of an insurance policy.

Thor's Day. Thor was the great Noise god who wielded the mighty hammer that has been identified with the thunder-bolt of Jupiter. Thor was the god of unrest. Many travellers have been born on this day—hence the line—Thursday's barn has far to go.

The invasion of the CHINESE Western stage on ACTRESSES, the part of Chinese and Japanese, has to be noted. The typical American film of bachelor life almost invariably has a servant part taken by a Japanese. In Douglas Fairbanks' "Thief of Bagdad" there was a part taken by Anna May Wong. Now we read of Miss Rose Quong, described as "the renowned Anglo-Chinese actress," who has appeared in one-act plays called "The Fog on the Moon," written by Lady Bell. Miss Quong appeared as a Dartmoor farmer's wife, who shelters an escaped convict—only to find later that he has murdered her husband. She proved herself at the opening of the play an expressive and attractive actress; but her chief chance came in the last scene, when she had to express the revulsion of feeling which swept over Anna on hearing of the manner of John's death. Here, says the "Daily Telegraph's" critic, she showed a very real strength and power, which deeply impressed her audience. Perhaps if she had acted a shade more within herself in this last scene she would have got even more effect. However that may be, she is an actress to be reckoned with.

Hongkong does not seem to have caught the Manila Vodavil. Vodavil is evidently American for the English vaudeville and is, as the name implies, a variety form of entertainment—songs, dance-sketch, dialogue, etc. The visitor to Manila is soon made acquainted with Vodavil. Nearly all the cinema theatres stage it or, if not, the pictures are "punctuated" by young Filipinos who think they

can sing and act. The Halle is necessary, for very often the what-is-said-and-done is very crude. However there it is; and it has to be added that those who think they have the artistic temperament and in Vodavil a means of adding a little to income. There is at least one Vodavil story. Two American sailors, whose ship was in port, feeling very fresh after a scolding of the prohibition fallacy, visited a cinema where a Vodavil was an attraction. One of the dancers so roused the enthusiasm of one of the men, that in a stage whisper he was compelled to tell the world that—"Holy Ice, funny she wiggles like a woin!"

Bishop Brent who A BISH once had oversight of the Philippine Islands tells the story of an English butler who thought he knew the Bible sufficiently to announce him at a function as—"The Rt. Rev. the Bishop to the Philippines."

Whilst certain correspondents of the "China Mail" are contending on the subject of Bible facts, it is interesting to know the opening of the Bible on the first day of the New Year is a somewhat unusual practice in some parts of England. The Bible is laid on the table unopened, and the parties who wish to consult it are then to open it in succession. They are not at liberty to choose any particular part of the book, but must open it at random. Wherever this may happen to be, the inquirer is to place his finger on any chapter contained in the two open pages, but without any previous perusal or examination. It is believed that good or ill fortune, the happiness or misery, of the consulting party, during the ensuing year, will be in some way or other described and foreshown by the contents of the chapter. The custom is called "fipping."

"My husband loves MARRIAGE to give advice," says Mrs. Arnold Bennett in her recent book. "For instance, when a friend of his is going to be married, Arnold Bennett makes a point of advising him as to how to behave with his wife if he means to be happy. He believes that one of the couple should lead in almost everything, and that the one to do so should be the husband. I can hear him saying: 'Take the lead, my boy! Make up your mind never to find yourself in the wrong . . . never to admit that you are in the wrong . . . have your own way! It is so easy!'"

"But many husbands find it is not so easy!"

It might be difficult DISCOUNT to find a parallel for "VIEWS" the offer of Joseph Chamberlain's house at a reduction of £500 to a tariff reformer, for politics do not often come into these affairs. The nearest case which comes to mind is that of the great lady who refused to send Lady Dorothy Nevill an accustomed Christmas turkey one year, on the ground that she had had Chamberlain (in his Radical days) to lunch.

An American touring BUSY. Scotland belittled everything he saw. The mountains were only hills, the rivers merely streams, and so on. This was too much for McTavish. Taking the visitor to the summit of a hill overlooking the Spey Valley, he pointed to four chimneys all belching forth smoke, and remarked exultantly: "D'ye ken yon? That's something ye haven't got in America—four distilleries, an' all working overtime."

At this season of the year, just before AMBITIONS, fore spring fever becomes epidemic, the ordinary person swells with longing and puffs with determination:

1. To own a matted hat at Repulse Bay or Castle Peak.
2. To raise chickens and sell the eggs.
3. To have a nice little garden to grow just enough stuff "for ourselves."
4. To walk to the office every morning, and home again in the evening.

And so the o. p. goes out and buys another golf club.

The two workmen had GOLF never seen golf played before, and they stood and watched the stout, unskilful player trying to get a ball out of a bunker. The sand flew up, but the ball remained. After seven desperate shots, the player paused for breath, before trying again. "This time the ball was lobbed up," dropped on the green, and rolling gently to the pin, settled in the hole. "By gum, Bill!" said one of the workmen to the other, "he's got a devil of a job on now."

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LABOUR'S ATTACK.

"WORST RICH MAN'S BUDGET."
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Silk Duty a "Tax On the Poor Woman's Stockings."

Loud Labour cheers greeted Mr. Philip Snowden's charge in the House of Commons yesterday that the Budget is "the worst rich man's Budget ever introduced."

HOUSE LAUGHS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 29. In the House of Commons at the committee stage of the Budget, Mr. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Labour Cabinet, declared that the increase in the expenditure was not justified.



Philip Snowden

The expenditure on the Navy should have been reduced instead of increased.

The Budget, apart from the scheme of widows' pensions, was the worst rich man's Budget ever introduced. (Loud Labour cheers.)



Sir Alfred Mond.

The pensions' scheme would impose a burden of \$11,000,000 a year on the industries of the country at a time of unparalleled industrial depression.

The duty on silk was a tax on poor women's stockings. (Laughter.)

Sir Alfred Mond (Labour) doubled the widows' pension to gold payments. He deplored the burdens laid on industry by growing systems of social insurance, while the silk duty would injure one of the most important textile industries.

The former Chancellor, Sir Robert Horne, championed the proposals. He declared that the preferential system had been of immense benefit to British trade. "We see from reports in South Africa the result of our failure to give reciprocal terms to countries like that." (Ministerial cheers and Opposition laughter.)

BACK TO GOLD.

London, April 29. The House of Commons passed the first reading of the gold standard and widows and orphans old age contributory pensions bills, which were formally introduced by Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Neville Chamberlain, respectively.

[Mr. Neville Chamberlain is Secretary of State for Health.]

London, April 29. The gold standard bill mentioned earlier recalls the subsection of the previous Act under which the holder of a currency note is entitled to obtain gold payment at the face value and repels previous regulations under which any person is entitled to have gold bullion minted, but makes an exception in the case of the Bank of England.

Nevertheless the bill enforces on the Bank of England the responsibility of redeeming legal tender on request in the form of gold bullion of approximately 400 ounces.

Finally the bill empowers the Treasury on any conditions it thinks fit to raise any money necessary to exchange operations, provided such loans and credits are redeemable within two years.

TAX ON SILK.

London, April 29. While the new taxes on silk are heartily welcomed in Nottingham

and Leicester, Mr. H. L. Lancashire, Chairman of the Hosiery Advisory Committee of the Nottingham Chamber of Commerce pointed out that the tax on raw silk is harmful. He said that manufacturers naturally desired to tax manufactures, not the raw material.

BOLD POLICY.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, April 29. Mr. Winston Churchill's Budget statement is considered a masterpiece of exposition.

Comments in most glowing terms are passed on the British decision to return to the gold standard. The "New York World" considers it a momentous event which will thrill the world.

The "Times" expresses the opinion that the programme of resumption of gold payments is likely to succeed because of its extreme boldness.

MAGIC OF GOLD.

New York, April 29. Sterling closed at 4 85 1/2.

The franc gained three cents on reports that France is considering restoration of the gold basis.

EARLIER CABLES.

London, April 29. The "Curator's Eye" may be compared with the results of the most searching analysis of the Budget, criticisms of which range from the "Daily Graphic's" "Brighter Britain Budget" to the uncompromising condemnation of the "Daily Express," which refers to a bad budget burdening industry through the insurance scheme, which is intolerable in the present trade depression and bemoaning the sixpenny reduction in the Income Tax.

Mr. Churchill's boldness and originality are generally recognised, together with the brilliance of his speech. The "Financial Times" says it is a good budget and a healthy tonic for all. Restoration of the free gold market will bring far more permanent good than possible temporary inconvenience and is the best thing possible in the interests of British credit and prestige.

COMMENTS OF THE PRESS. The "Times" says that Mr. Churchill wisely rejected all quick remedies advocated for relief of what is still a serious financial and economic position. Like his predecessor, Mr. Churchill adheres firmly to steady repayment of our debts.

The "Daily News" says that the far-reaching and elaborate insurance project is of supreme importance on the constructive side, requiring the closest scrutiny. The financial and administrative side must strongly appeal to the working classes. The Budget's general financial structure is based on the best British traditions.



Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

The "Financial News" says that throughout the note of fiscal changes introduced is one of confidence. The Budget should help industry and trade.

EXPENSES RISING AGAIN. The "Daily Telegraph" says the main features of the Budget will be very welcome to the vast body of people obliged to earn a living, but is not satisfactory. Our expenses are rising again.

The "Daily Mail" says it is an ambitious Budget. Serious liabilities are assumed and we must watch vigilantly to see that the promised economies in our grossly inflated expenditure are made.

The "Morning Post" says that Mr. Churchill's past did not prevent his present from imposing Imperial preferences. The dan-

STORY OF A PLOT.

Cabinet Minister's Safety.

OFFICIAL SECRECY.

CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE CHAMBERLAIN?

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 29. It is reported that a plot has been discovered abroad to assassinate Mr. Austen Chamberlain, the Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Official circles in London decline to make any statement at present, but it is not categorically denied that there has been a plot.



Mr. Austen Chamberlain.

It is understood that an official statement may be issued later.



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Britain's police chief who is responsible for the safety of our Cabinet Ministers.

Scotland Yard states that it is not aware of the plot. Mr. Chamberlain like other Cabinet Ministers is protected by two detectives.

No extra precautions have been taken in view of the report.

FASCISM'S SPREAD.

MOVEMENTS IN FORTY COUNTRIES.

(Reuter's Service.)

ROME, April 29. At a meeting of the Grand Fascist Council, attended by the Premier, Signor Mussolini, the Secretary-General of the Fascist organisations abroad, Deputy Bastianini, reported that Fascist movements existed in forty countries.

ger of people. It was shown in the recent alarming announcement from South Africa.

The "Daily Herald" says the well-to-do are relieved by reduction of income-tax, while the workers will bear an additional weekly expense for insurance; also their beer will cost more.

THE SILK DUTY. Interviewed by Reuter, the Secretary of the Silk Association of Britain and Ireland welcomed the proposed new duties on imported silk, whereby 40 per cent. more workers will be employed.

New York, April 29. Mr. Winston Churchill's Budget statement is considered a masterpiece of exposition. Comments in the most glowing terms have been passed upon the British decision to return to the gold standard.

The "New York World" considers it a momentous event which will thrill the world.

The "Times" is of the opinion that programme of resumption of gold payments is likely to succeed because of its extreme boldness.

London, April 29. The budget statement has been very well received. On the stock exchange it had a most stimulating effect on certain specialities, especially artificial silk shares. Courtly opened at 105 and are now 107 1/2. Motor shares continue in the ascendant. Leading high class investment securities are firm.

"URGENT PROBLEMS."

THE SECURITY PACT AND THE RHINE ZONE.

CHANCELLOR'S STATEMENT.

Foreign Policy Must Continue Unchanged.

Germany's Chancellor believes that Europe will enter a new era when the problems of the Rhine zone and a security pact have been settled.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, April 29. The Chancellor, Dr. Hans Luther, in a speech at a meeting of industrialists, emphasised the necessity for continuity in Germany's foreign policy in order to carry out the world's desire for the removal of insecurity and instability.

He hoped the Allies would no longer hesitate to remove the injustice done by the not publishing of the reasons for the non-evacuation of the Cologne zone.

He said Germany's attitude with regard to the security proposals had not altered, but the evacuation of the Rhine zone must not be made dependent on the conclusion of a security pact.

If these two urgent problems were settled then he believed the way would be open for the reconstruction of Europe, politically and morally.

Cabinet to Remain.

Berlin, April 29. After consulting Marshal Hindenburg on the various important political problems with very satisfactory results, the Chancellor, reported to the Cabinet, which unanimously decided to remain in office. Reichstag circles are of opinion that Germany's foreign policy will remain unchanged, at least for the present.

During his election campaign Marshal von Hindenburg said that he was specially interested in the question of the security pact guaranteeing the frontiers of France and Belgium. He asserted that Germany's eastern frontier must be altered by negotiations. He enigmatically replied to a question whether he favoured a republic or a monarchy by saying "personal wishes are of no avail." As President of the Reich he would think only of his duty and strive

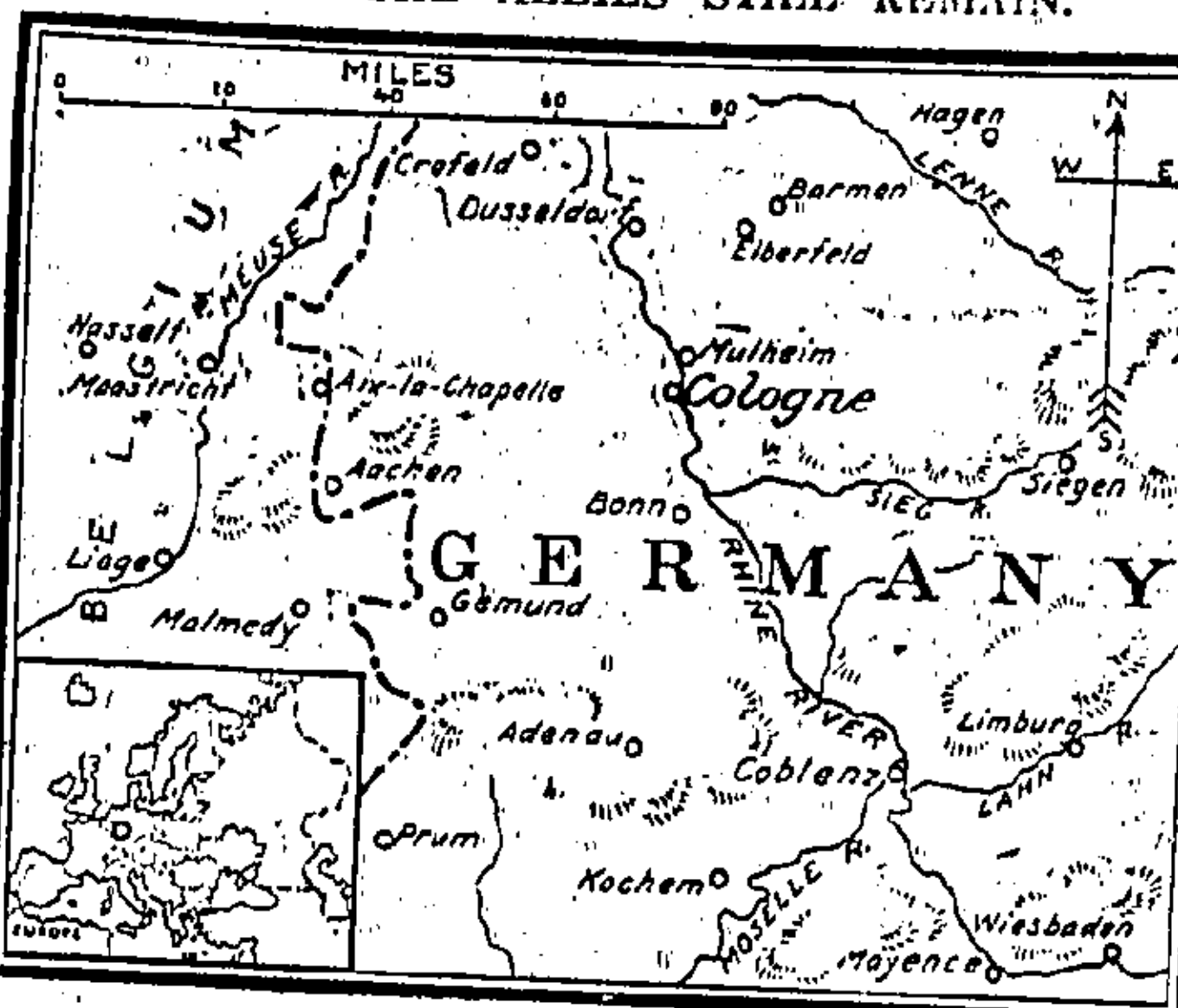
for the best interests of the Fatherland on the basis of the constitution and Germany's present position in the world. The



DR. HANS LUTHER

most important consideration was to restore German prestige. He emphasized that he was striving only "to ensure German sovereignty and freedom, with a place in the sun of the nations."

WHERE THE ALLIES STILL REMAIN.



The Rhine zone was to have been evacuated early in January, but the Allies decided to keep their troops in Cologne owing to Germany's alleged secret arming. The report on which this decision was based has not yet been published.

250,000 TONS LESS.

RESULTS OF RUBBER RESTRICTION.

SCHEME DEFENDED.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, April 29. Speaking at the annual meeting of the Rubber Growers' Association, Mr. Eric Miller stated that the restriction policy had stood the test of criticism.

The scheme was formed with due regard to the interests of the rubber trade and the consumers. The critics who had drawn attention to the growth of the consumption of rubber ignored the surplus stocks of rubber existing three years ago, also the fact that for some years past the potential normal production had largely exceeded the increased consumption.

Mr. Miller estimated the exports for 2 1/2 years since November 1, 1922 at over 250,000 tons less than the full production would have been, while 150,000 tons of surplus stocks had been absorbed in the same period.

The standing advisory committee of the Colonial Office, which the manufacturers' associations were ably represented, continued to take the most comprehensive interest in the working of restriction scheme.

He could see nothing whatever in the present situation necessitating or justifying re-investigation of the question.

As regards criticism that the

FRANCE AND SOVIET.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, April 29. A Soviet embassy communiqué denies that it has in any way participated in Communist propaganda.

The Matin, however, states that the Government has opened an enquiry in regard to a speech delivered by M. Voline, the first secretary of the embassy, at a meeting organised by Chinese residents of Paris, after the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and a diplomatic sequel is certain.

The embassy argues that the funeral oration cannot be regarded as an unfriendly act. Ambassador Krassin conversing with M. Briand, declared that he was not participating in subversive propaganda.

Dutch were benefiting unduly at the expense of producers in British territories, it would have been more equitable had the Dutch co-operated but it might be safely asserted that during this year the exports from British producing areas would be required at a rate which would virtually eliminate the disparity between the Dutch and British producers.

Trees which natives in the Dutch Indies were tapping had been planted long before restriction. He did not regard the development of native rubber growing as a serious menace to the industry. He held the opinion that soon the necessity of an increase in the rubber acreage would be felt by the growing consumption.

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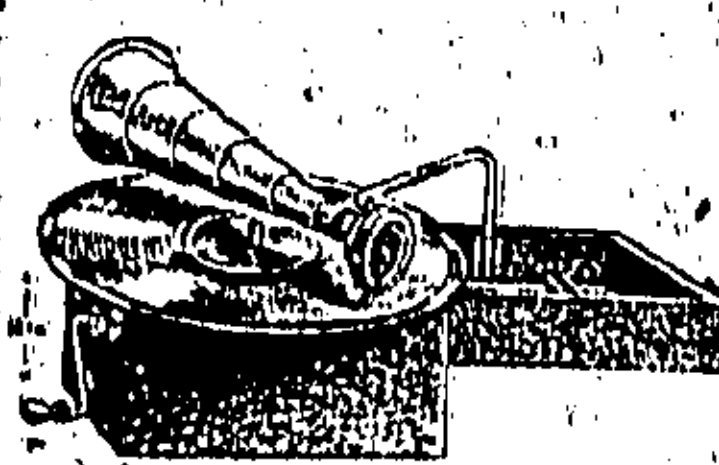
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CORRESPONDENCE.

Bible Facts.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Kindly allow me to take up a little more of your space to clear up a few mis-conceptions. Mr. Jordan may as well know that I belong to a sect that believes strongly in a God, and His Son, Jesus Christ, and has wise men (priests) to seek the truth for them. This, however, does not prevent me from questioning the facts of the bible. I should have thought that anyone "reading" through my letters would have seen at once that I have been trying to establish the facts connected with God and to dispel the false ideas still held by many regarding Him.

To refer to the letter of "A Student" I rather think he has made a bad blunder for the Egyptians might Moses about the creation and imparted to him then philosophy. The Encyclopaedia Britannica tells me that "the Egyptian system of writing is perhaps the oldest of known scripts, and was carried on till the Ptolemaic period, when the more convenient Greek alphabet led to its gradual disuse." What about this? It is more likely the Bible was cribbed from Egypt. No clerics here intended.

Mr. Jordan contends that if some name be obtained through the literary interpretation of the bible, then seek for parables and allegories. At last we have an admission that the bible is not infallible. It is, perhaps, the only book in the world which one or two outstanding thoughts which come before me as I write. How would, say a father or mother, answer a child of thirteen or fourteen who innocently asks what is meant by—? I refuse to quote a name here to do so. I prefer to certain filthy passages in the bible. Neither can literary, nor allegorical interpretations be given for these accounts as they stand in the bible. The bible was undoubtedly written in a barbaric age, but are we to be fettered by the writings of barbarians? No, for me, if the bible is to do its service, it must be modified to suit the age. Cut out these undesirable parts, remove some of the superstitious nonsense for the inspired work and all would be well. The argument about the laws of gravity concerns "fundamentalism" more than myself, but I quoted from Pope the inspired, whereas he wrote at some length on the topic. There is nothing new under the sun and if it was left to Newton to proclaim to the world the laws of gravity, it has perhaps, fortunately or unfortunately, been left to me to bring out what many would rather leave alone.

If a little research has enabled me to bring out a series of letters on certain fallacies and mistakes in the bible, I really do think the saying "Empty can make the most noise" is meant to be applied to someone else.

To quote a change of opinion regarding but one point, which is typical of many that come out in the arguments about the Old Testament, Dr. Cheyne's (Origin of the Psalter) says: "In 1880 it was still a habit to accept, with all its consequences the plurality of authorship of the Book of Isaiah; in 1890 to a growing school of Church students this has become an indisputable fact." By 1900 this plurality of authorship had become almost a common place of the market. Might not some of the tales in the Old Testament have a similar experience?

"He that will not reason is a fool; he that cannot reason is a fool; and he that does not reason is a slave."

Yours, etc.,
NEDA VERITAS.
Hongkong, April 29, 1925.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—It is all very well for Mr. Jordan and such like persons who have given perhaps the better part of their lives to the study of the inspired Book to attempt without any success, at convincing us of its infallibility.

"A student" with his academic knowledge of this inspired book says it contains some "Hebrewisms." I suspected this long ago; it smells so "Hebrewistic." What does Mr. Jordan think?

Has he and many others ever pondered over its contents with a critical frame of mind, the faculty of analysing things, giving them their respective values and places and reasoning out whether such statements be possible or not?

For a mathematical mind like mine, I cannot conscientiously let things pass by blindly without some semblance of proof to substantiate any proposition put forward.

The Bible is the greatest book in the world in that it is written in a most charming style; as a book of English literature it is unsurpassed; as a source of inspiration it is perhaps just as good as many others on the market; as an instrument for

wielding power, both political and social, it is most subtle, and has been used in the most cunning manner conceivable, as well as the most despicable and contemptible; as a book for amusing children and old men and maidens in their more imaginative moments it is interesting; but as a storehouse of facts it is not worth the penny arithmetical tables used when I was a boy as a book of science it has provoked much laughter; it has provided a target for other believers in the one and only Almighty God, by its ridiculous and miserably fallacious assertions. It has its good sides and its shortcomings.

Now I might be accused of being a heretic etc., etc., believe me, Sir, I am a full member of the Church of England, and believe in an All-Loving God and His Son, Jesus Christ. If there is anything which has produced a type of mind such as mine, it is the Church itself, just as those who executed Socrates produced him. I believe in something more—the will to strive on in the world of Love—the "falsito" as it is called in psychology.

As a student of philosophy years ago, I learnt many more things about "living" than the Bible or the learned interpreters could tell me.

When I heard a sermon preached a good many years ago, that it was God who gave the victim who was chased by a mad bull his "extra power" to clear a wall with a margin, I took pity on the old person for his ignorance of the laws of psychology. If he ought to have concealed ignorance, I know from what source the victim of that mad bull derived his "extra power." It was inherent in him. Next I explain this in a separate letter or article? God created man such a wonderful creature for his adaptability in adverse circumstances. Does this mean that I do not believe in an Almighty God permeating all things? Certainly not.

Can anyone say it is the pleasure of God that we should swallow the bible wholesale? If I question the authority of the Bible, as your correspondent "Neda Veritas" is doing, does that mean that I do not believe other portions of the bible, or that I am one of those pernicious creatures eternally defying the rules and principles of Christianity? God forbid this be so. Do your correspondents realise that knowledge about a thing is not the thing itself.

"If religion be a function by which either God's cause or man's cause is to be really advanced, then he who lives the life of it, however narrowly, is a better servant than he who merely knows about it, however much. Knowledge about life is one thing; effective occupation of a place in life, with its dynamic current passing through your being is another."

With strengthened faith in the new cause and mission of Christianity and thinking you most heartily for your kindness.

Yours, etc.,
INDIVIDUALIST.
Hongkong, April 29, 1925.

Fire Facts.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Reading such statements as "The Fire Brigade were unable to get further than the Peak Tram Station with their pumps," it was not until hours after the outbreak that the pressure of water was sufficient to enable the use of the hose. I have come to the conclusion that these being matters which affect all who own or occupy houses on the Peak, Tuesday's fire should be a warning to us and to the authorities, for someone is obviously to blame somewhere.

It may be said, in fact I have heard it said, since the fire, that if people will live at such altitudes they must expect such things to happen and accept them as the inevitable disadvantages which always serve to temper our enjoyment of the good things of life. But if people living on the Peak contribute their quota in respect of water consumption and fire protection provisions, are they not entitled to that protection?

Why was the path not big enough to take the pump which would have supplemented the supply of water from the hydrant? Why was this latter supply insufficient to fill the hose pipe fitted up so quickly through the admirable work of the "Tomnies"? Or again, if the cost of constructing paths big enough to take the present pumps would be too much, why is there not in the Colony some smaller contrivance which would go over or along anything? One often sees them advertised—something after the style of the machine a picture of which was reproduced in yesterday's "China Mail."

Of course, we, the public, must expect to co-operate as much as possible, and personally I think we ought to look upon it as a moral obligation for us to have in

THE PAN CHAN LAMA.

(Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.)

SHANGHAI, April 29.
The Pan Chan Lama arrived at the Shanghai North Station at six o'clock this evening in a train which was profusely decorated in yellow, the Lama colour.

Several thousand people thronged the station displaying yellow banners of welcome, and a large triumphant archway of yellow towered over the exit.

The Lama was met by the local officials, Buddhist priests and local Buddhists, and a guard-of-honour paraded the platform.

The Lama looked greatly amazed at the westernised scene in Shanghai after his long seclusion in a Tibetan monastery.

The Lama was conveyed in a yellow motor-car to the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, where he will stay two or three days before leaving for Hangchow and later for Pootoo Island.

At the monthly committee meeting of the Hongkong Chinese Chamber of Commerce held yesterday, it was decided to send a protest to Canton against the levy of a tax of \$5 on a letter addressed by the Chamber to the Civil Governor in connection with the recent seizure of rice junks at Bocca Tigris. This collection, it is believed, is part of a scheme to raise funds for Dr. Sun's memorial.

At the monthly meeting of the Committee of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce yesterday, Mr. Ho In suggested the formation of a Trade Protective and Investigation Society, members of the Chamber's executive committee to co-operate, to deal with bad trade and rising expenses. This motion was talked over after speeches by the vice-chairman, Mr. Li Yau-tsun (chairman), and Mr. Ho Kwong. The Chairman asked for more members.

The house at least one patent extinguisher such as there are many agencies here for. I know they cost about \$15, but surely such an outlay is worth making when it practically covers one against such a loss as has fallen to Mr. Forster. If the accounts are correct, some such implement as this would have put out the fire in its early stages.

All the same, to come back to my original contention, I do not think a Peak resident is being treated fairly if he pays for something which is not available at his moment of greatest need.

Yours, etc.,
A PEAK RESIDENT.
Hongkong, April 29.

Why Not?

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—In your editorial columns yesterday appeared comments in regard to local insurance matters—do houses on the Peak have to pay premium as hazardous or extra-hazardous property? What are relations between the local insurance companies? And do the latter pay towards the upkeep when the Brigade is called upon to do service?

The answer to the first question is that the Peak pay the same rates of European houses on the lower level (4 per cent.); to the second the Insurance Companies pay nothing whatever.

With the absence of brigade facilities the premium for Peak houses must surely be more than your comment in yesterday's paper, and it is the comment of many who are more directly interested than I expect the writer was. We have a Society representing the interests of local Fire and Marine Insurance Societies and it is my opinion that if they spent a little more time in adjusting matters such as these instead of considering how they might the more rigidly adhere to their tariff rates it would be to the better advantage of local insurance generally.

As regards relations between Fire Brigades and Insurance Companies you were right in your opinion that at Home they have a working arrangement; to Home might be added the names of cities in India in which large stocks of inflammable material are held. The Companies not only contribute to the upkeep of the brigade but bear their share in the cost of keeping Insurance inspectors who actually receive their salaries from local authorities and whose duties are to obviate fire risks in the erection of new buildings and to keep an eye on old ones.

If this can be done in India, why cannot it be done here? In our modern times there are stocks which must be as valuable and as inflammable as are held by many of the godowns in question.

Yours, etc.,
A STRIVER IN TIME.
Hongkong, April 29.

FUNERAL.

MR. M. J. D. STEPHENS

LAIN TO REST.

REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING.

The large attendance at the funeral yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley of Mr. M. J. D. Stephens was representative of leading interests in the Colony. Mr. Stephens having been connected with building enterprise and legal work in the Colony since its early days.

The Revs. W. T. Featherstone and T. B. Powell read the graveside service, and among those to follow the hearse were the Right Rev. Bishop Dunlop, Sir Chubb Seven, Sir Henry Gollan, Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Messrs. T. J. Glasford, J. Lawrence, Eldon Porter, K.C., D. W. Truman, J. R. Wood, S. R. B. McElherry, A. R. Melbourne, H. K. Holmes, W. S. Bailey, J. Owen Hughes, B. A. Hale, G. K. Hall Brutton, E. J. Zeffin, D. H. Blake, C. H. Lyson, F. X. D'Almada, C. A. S. Russ, W. E. L. Shenton, and many others.

Wreaths were received from J. E. the Governor, Sorrowing Widow, Sir Chubb Seven, Mr. and Mrs. Montague, The Government of Hongkong, Deacons, Linstead and Davis, Lowe Bingham and Matthews, D'Almada and Mason, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Wright, Little, Adams and Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Colbourne Little, Miss C. Stenham, Madeline Elint, Mrs. G. Mrs. Newhouse, Mrs. G. Chong-Loong, Yee, Mr. Shieriff Bros., the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Ho Yook and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ansell, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Holmes, Mr. Payne, Mr. S. W. Tai, C. Ah Ying and Co., Ltd., Mr. A. E. Hall, Mrs. More, Kwan, Si, and Mrs. Frank Anstey, Mrs. Harkley, Lyson and Hall, Miss Alice Chan, Mr. G. Haywood, Messrs. Leung Man Sin, Li Che and Leung Kwai, Mah Ching, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Man Po, P. Pere Robert, Italian Convent, House servants, Leon D'Almada and nephew, the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, Mr. Cheng So, Mr. Keller, Kern and Co., Ltd., Mr. F. E. Nash, Mr. Ernest Kern, Mr. and Mrs. R. Moh Anstey, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Douglas Clark, Mr. Van Andel, Mr. and Mrs. Bullock, Mr. Charles Brooke, Mr. Lee Yuk, Mr. Hall Brutton, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bird, H. Rattonjee and Son, Mr. and Mrs. P. X. D'Almada, Mr. and Mrs. George Woessner, "China Mail," Mr. T. C. Jenkin, Mr. and Mrs. Jackman, Hughes and Hough Ltd., Mr. and Mrs. George Grimbale, A. S. Watson, Office Staff, Mr. Henry Humphreys, A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hancock, Mr. J. J. Humphreys, Major C. Wilson, Benjamin and Potts, Mr. Eldon Porter, The Incorporated Law Society of Hongkong, Mrs. Si Tak-fan and family, Messrs. G. J. Potts and P. C. Potts, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hazeldun, Johnson Stokes and Master, Mr. and Mrs. Ingram, Wilkinson and Crist, Mr. W. S. Bailey, Ducie Long and Co., Ltd., Holland China Trading Co., Mrs. Wong Ping and family, Directors Lane Crawford and Co., Mr. F. A. Perry, Committee and Members of the H. K. Club, Mr. Cheung Kwai, Mr. J. A. Tarrant, Messrs. Lo and Lo, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Patenden, Sir Paul and Lady Cluder, Mr. Jas. Kimball, Mr. B. C. Randall, Mr. Wong Sui Woon, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hughes, Directors of the British American Tobacco Co., Ltd., A. Kwai and Co., Sir Eric and Lady Stuart Taylor, and Mr. Robert Shewan.

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CLEVER DANCING.

MME. KELVEY'S TALENTED PUPILS.

A crowded audience at the Star Theatre yesterday testified to the excellence of the exhibition of dancing provided by Mme. Kelvey's pupils and enjoyed an entertainment that was at once artistic, beautiful and had many items of amusement tacked on to it. These young people are to be heartily congratulated on what they did and the manner in which they did it. The promise of talent shown augurs well for the future and who knows, the Colony may yet produce a Pavlova! Whilst the juniors were in their element the seniors, if that word may rightly be used, proved more than brilliant. That certainly applied to the Flirtation Waltz given by Miss Annie Tolan and Cubby Duncan. The stage presence of this couple was perfect, and their movements in an intricate but graceful dance, was the same. It was a very fine achievement. The same also applies to the Gavotte given by Gladys Ramsay and Cubby Duncan. The former seems to have the makings in her of a brilliant dancer. Her movements of arms and legs were sinuous and beautiful—there was always a sense of rhythm without which there can be no true interpretative dancing. The Misses Marie de Sousa and Molly D'Almada, Castro, captivated in a spirited tumbourine dance and these young ladies combined with Annie Tolan, Annie D'Almada, Castro, Betty Cleo, Lorna Tolan, and Gladys Ramsay, in a Rhythm-Drop ballet, the movements of which were daintily executed. The Spanish dance, in which most of these young ladies combined, was another picturesque conception, as well as a Jazz and Oriental ballet. It is only possible to speak briefly, but in the highest possible terms of the work of the younger people. There was a wholly delightful song and Dutch clog dance by Olga Kelvey, Christie Dixon, and Thelma Scott; a Scarce dance that convulsed the audience, by Dorothy Tolan and Patsy Nichols, and a pretty song and umbrella dance by Thelma Scott, Christie Dixon, Gladys Ramsay and Olga Kelvey, whilst these and others combined or executed solos under such names as Horn Pipe, Whispering Flowers, Dancing Dolls, etc. Lorna Tolan was nimble, graceful and expert in a Scotch sword dance; Thelma Scott prettily gave The Spirit of a Rose whilst a bevy of babies, including one of two years—Ruth Anderson—gave a cake walk in quite the approved style. Rosemary Richards makes writing an account of this exhibition of dancing somewhat difficult. Such a mite has seldom been seen. Exquisitely dressed this young lady danced into all hearts in a most dainty and endearing manner. Gladys Ramsay and Cubby Duncan made an ideal dancing pair and their very fine Garden of Dreams must not be omitted; to say nothing of Christie and Margaret Dixon's song and clog dance. "The world famous toe dancer—by Herself" was an amusing item. Miss Daphne Leigh sang engagingly as did also Miss Ivy Nicholls whose work contributed not a little to the success achieved. Mme. Kelvey directed and her young charges were the recipient of gifts at her hands which must have pleased them immensely. For so short a period of tuition the young performers gave evidence of great promise for the future and demonstrated the soundness of the teaching given them. The dresses were indeed beautiful. The performance will be repeated on Friday next at 9.15 p.m. Doubtless the theatre will be again crowded.

The large attendance at the funeral yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley of Mr. M. J. D. Stephens was representative of leading interests in the Colony. Mr. Stephens having been connected with building enterprise and legal work in the Colony since its early days.

The Revs. W. T. Featherstone and T. B. Powell read the graveside service, and among those to follow the hearse were the Right Rev. Bishop Dunlop, Sir Chubb Seven, Sir Henry Gollan, Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Messrs. T. J. Glasford, J. Lawrence, Eldon Porter, K.C., D. W. Truman, J. R. Wood, S. R. B. McElherry, A. R. Melbourne, H. K. Holmes, W. S. Bailey, J. Owen Hughes, B. A. Hale, G. K. Hall Brutton, E. J. Zeffin, D. H. Blake, C. H. Lyson, F. X. D'Almada, C. A. S. Russ, W. E. L. Shenton, and many others.

Wreaths were received from J. E. the Governor, Sorrowing Widow, Sir Chubb Seven, Mr. and Mrs. Montague, The Government of Hongkong, Deacons, Linstead and Davis, Lowe Bingham and Matthews, D'Almada and Mason, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Wright, Little, Adams and Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Colbourne Little, Miss C. Stenham, Madeline Elint, Mrs. G. Mrs. Newhouse, Mrs. G. Chong-Loong, Yee, Mr. Shieriff Bros., the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Ho Yook and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ansell, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Holmes, Mr. Payne, Mr. S. W. Tai, C. Ah Ying and Co., Ltd., Mr. A. E. Hall, Mrs. More, Kwan, Si, and Mrs. Frank Anstey, Mrs. Harkley, Lyson and Hall, Miss Alice Chan, Mr. G. Haywood, Messrs. Leung Man Sin, Li Che and Leung Kwai, Mah Ching, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Man Po, P. Pere Robert, Italian Convent, House servants, Leon D'Almada and nephew, the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, Mr. Cheng So, Mr. Keller, Kern and Co., Ltd., Mr. F. E. Nash, Mr. Ernest Kern, Mr. and Mrs. R. Moh Anstey, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Douglas Clark, Mr. Van Andel, Mr. and Mrs. Bullock, Mr. Charles Brooke, Mr. Lee Yuk, Mr. Hall Brutton, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bird, H. Rattonjee and Son, Mr. and Mrs. P. X. D'Almada, Mr. and Mrs. George Woessner, "China Mail," Mr. T. C. Jenkin, Mr. and Mrs. Jackman, Hughes and Hough Ltd., Mr. and Mrs. George Grimbale, A. S. Watson, Office Staff, Mr. Henry Humphreys, A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hancock, Mr. J. J. Humphreys, Major C. Wilson, Benjamin and Potts, Mr. Eldon Porter, The Incorporated Law Society of Hongkong, Mrs. Si Tak-fan and family, Messrs. G. J. Potts and P. C. Potts, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hazeldun, Johnson Stokes and Master, Mr. and Mrs. Ingram, Wilkinson and Crist, Mr. W. S. Bailey, Ducie Long and Co., Ltd., Holland China Trading Co., Mrs. Wong Ping and family, Directors Lane Crawford and Co., Mr. F. A. Perry, Committee and Members of the H. K. Club, Mr. Cheung Kwai, Mr. J. A. Tarrant, Messrs. Lo and Lo, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Patenden, Sir Paul and Lady Cluder, Mr. Jas. Kimball, Mr. B. C. Randall, Mr. Wong Sui Woon, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hughes, Directors of the British American Tobacco Co., Ltd., A. Kwai and Co., Sir Eric and Lady Stuart Taylor, and Mr. Robert Shewan.

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HISTORY'S ECHOES.

DARNLEY COLLECTION TO BE SOLD.

It will be proved once again that history reverberates in the auction room when at Christie's on May 1, the collection of pictures belonging to the Earl of Darnley will be offered for sale. For we shall be carried back to the days of that French Voltaire, the masterful Cardinal Richelieu, who, just as his English precursor had ceded Hampton Court to his King, also made a deed of gift of his palace, with its treasures and trappings, to Louis Treize. But the more resonant "Palais Royal," and as such was in turn presented by Louis Quatorze to his only brother, Philip Duke of Orleans, afterwards the proud Regent of France and the 18th-century Medici of the arts.

His artist-emissaries scoured Europe to collect the finest pictures procurable, and chapters of monasteries and churches succumbed to their lavish offers. He thus annexed the chief prizes of the chapter of Narbonne and the Church of St. Eustache. He acquired the cream of Queen Christina of Sweden's collection from the heirs of Livio Odescalchi, Duke of Bracciano, nephew of Pope Innocent XI; he laid under tribute such historic cabinets as those of Mazarin and Dubois; the Duc de Grammont, the Abbé de Malsainville, Deval, Forest, de Nancré, de Nosse, de Seignelay, Tambonneau, Paillet, de Lannay, de la Ravoie, the Duc de Noailles, the Duc de Vendôme, Corberon, de Menars, de Hauteville, de Breton, Villiers, du Cher, de Lorraine, Dorigny, l'Abbé de Camps, and the rest of the unconquered forefathers of American millionaires.

And when the Regent's son inherited his father's possessions, in a fit of prudery he ordered all the pictures which represented "Nature unadorned" to be destroyed or sold, and the Queen of Sweden's original gift of Correggio's superb "Leda" was literally quartered; but save from the flames by the devoted director, Coppell, who secreted the fragments and eventually mended the mangled canvas, which Frederick King of Prussia bought for his Sans-Souci palace at Potsdam in 1755.

ORLEANS SALE.

By the irony of fate the Regent's grandson, destined to be known as "Citoyen Egalité," conceived the project in 1792, just before the Revolution broke out in its fury, of selling the entire Palais Royal collection to raise funds "to agitate the national spirit," as Buchanan has called the transaction, and many thousands of livers were thus procured. The act did not save the head of the citizen, and he went to the guillotine with a smile upon his face. The story of the safe consignment to England of the famous Orleans collection bought by the French patriot Laborde and Thomas Slade is one of the romances of art, and when the magnificent collection was offered in 1798, pictures having been reserved for such patrons as the Duke of Bridgewater, the Earl of Carlisle, and Earl Gower, all the noble cognoscenti of England attended Bryan's rooms in Pall Mall and chose works at the valuations placed upon them.

In the Elmsmere collection are still the four great masterpieces by Titian, then bought by the Duke of Bridgewater, and at Castle Howard is still the picture preferred before all others in 1798, Annibale Carracci's "Descent from the Cross" for which the Earl of Carlisle gave 4,000g. The busy Angerstein was also present, and one of his prizes was Sebastian del Piombo's "Raising of Lazarus" at 3,500g, a picture which became and remains No. 1 in our National Gallery catalogue. Many other pictures eventually found their way into the national collections.

As the friend of Reynolds, Gainsborough, and Hoppner, that enlightened patron of the arts, John Bligh, fourth Earl of Darnley, did not miss this great opportunity, and he acquired many additions to his gallery at Cobham Hall, especially the series of four allegories by Veronese. We know that the inventions of taxation can be as deadly as revolutions, and in 1800-1 three of these had to be sold—fortunately to the National Gallery—which also took the Cobham Hall Titian. But the great blow to the Darnley Gallery was the loss, in 1904, of the famous Titian portrait, "Ariosto," also purchased for the National Gallery, thanks to Lady Wentage, Lord Iveagh, Lord Burton, Mr. Waldorf Astor, and Mr. Otto Beit, who subscribed \$18,500 of the £30,000 purchase money. And the catalogue on May 1, will not contain that famous Vandeyck portrait, once at Cobham, of Lord John and Lord Bernard Stewart, which should be still in the "Sir Ernest Cassel" collection.

GAINSBOROUGH AND VAN DYCK.

Yet in its stead there is a magnificent replica, of it by no less renowned a painter than Gainsborough. We know that Gainsborough was fascinated by

Vandeyck's dazzling handling, and he tried to paint that great and faded group at Wilton of the Pembroke family so as to give the world some idea of his favourite master's original achievement. This Cobham Stewart replica, translating the grace and distinction of a still perfect Vandeyck in the terms of Gainsborough's superb brushwork, is therefore most attractive. Sir Claude Phillips used to wonder whether the famous Englishman had ever tried to copy the somewhat similar Vandeyck group of those aristocratic exquisites, George and Francis Villiers, a masterpiece which was mercifully spared to England at the modest sum of £15,000 in 1922.

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London, April 29.
Results of football matches played to-day (home team given first) are as follow—
FIRST LEAGUE.
Aston Villa... 4 Blackburn... 3
Notts C... 1 Huddersfield... 2
Liverpool... 1 Cardiff... 2
THIRD LEAGUE (SOUTH).
Plymouth... 6 Southampton... 0
THIRD LEAGUE (NORTHERN).
Durham... 3 Nelson... 1
FRIENDLY MATCH.
Corinthians... 4 Crystal P... 2

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

DIVISION I.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Hudders...	21	5	15	69	27	58	
West Brom...	23	9	9	58	34	55	
Bolton W...	22	9	10	75	35	54	
Liverpool...	20	12	9	62	54	40	
Newcastle U...	16	10	16	61	42	48	
Sunderland...	19	13	9	53	51	47	
Bury...	16	10	15	52	50	47	
Notts County...	16	12	13	42	40	45	
Birmingham...	16	13	12	48	53	44	
Tottenham H...	15	14	12	52	42	42	
Cardiff City...	16	15	10	56	51	42	
West Ham...	15	15	12	62	60	42	
McShester C...	16	15	9	75	67	41	
Sheffield U...	12	13	15	56	59	39	
Aston Villa...	12	16	13	56	71	37	
Blackburn...	11	17	13	53	60	35	
Leeds U...	11	18	12	46	58	34	
Arsenal...	14	22	5	46	53	33	
Burnley...	11	19	11	45	74	33	
Everton...	11	19	11	39	60	33	
Nottingham F...	7	22	12	31	61	26	
Preston N.E...	10	26	5	37	75	25	

DIVISION II.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Manchester U...	23	8	10	57	23	56	
Leicester...	22	7	11	33	30	55	
Derby...	22	9	10	60	34	54	
Chelsea...	16	11	15	51	37	47	
Portsmouth...	10	17	12	51	45	45	
Wolverham...	19	16	6	54	51	44	

DIVISION III.

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Hull City...	15	15	11	51	48	41	
Port Vale...	17	17	7	47	55	41	
South Shields...	11	13	17	41	38	39	
Clapton O...	14	16	11	42	42	39	
Middlesbrough...	10	12	19	36	43	39	
Fulham...	15	17	9	40	55	39	
Bradford C...	10	13	15	37	43	38	
Southampton...	10	12	17	33	37	37	
Wednesday...	15	19	7	50	57	37	
Barnsley...	13	17	11	46	58	37	
Blackpool...	14	19	8	63	55	36	
Stockport...	10	13	17	30	52	36	
Stoke...	12	19	11	34	45	35	
Oldham...	12	18	11	34	51	35	
Cry Palace...	10	18	10	37	50	34	
Coventry...	11	21	9	45	81	31	

DIVISION III.

Wednesday	41	15	19	7	50	57	37
Barnsley	41	13	17	11	46	58	37
Blackpool	41	14	19	8	63	55	36
Stockport	40	13	17	10	36	52	36
Stoke	42	12	19	11	34	45	35
Oldham	41	12	18	11	34	51	35
Cry Palace	40	12	18	10	37	50	34
Coventry	41	11	21	9	45	81	31

DIVISION III.

Southern Section.							
	Goals.						
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Plymouth	41	23	8	10	75	33	56
Swansea	40	21	8	11	65	34	53
Bristol C.....	39	21	9	9	58	37	51
Swindon	41	19	11	11	63	38	40

DIVISION III.

Newport	41	19	13	9	56	42	47
Exeter	41	19	13	9	58	47	47
Northernts	42	20	15	7	52	41	47
Brighton	39	18	13	8	56	42	44
Southend	41	19	17	5	50	58	43
Watford	41	17	16	8	38	47	42
Norwich	41	13	14	14	47	48	40
Gillingham	40	13	14	13	35	46	39

DIVISION III.

Bristol R.....	41	12	15	13	41	45	37
Luton	41	10	14	17	49	55	37
Reading	39	13	15	10	33	35	36
Aberdare	40	13	18	9	52	64	35
Queen's P.R.....	40	13	19	8	39	60	34
Bournemouth	40	10	21	9	39	56	29
Brentford	40	9	24	7	36	84	25

DIVISION III.

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Northern Section.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals
Darlington....	41	24	7	10	78	30	58	
Nelson	42	23	12	7	79	47	53	
N. Brighton...	40	22	11	7	74	47	51	
Southport	41	22	12	7	59	35	51	

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Bradford	39	17	10	12	74	38	45
Chesterfield ..	41	16	14	11	53	43	43
Lincoln	40	17	15	8	49	55	42
Halifax	40	16	14	10	54	47	42
Grimby	41	15	17	9	60	58	40
Wigan	41	14	16	11	58	55	39
Wrexham	40	15	17	8	53	57	38

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A consignment of Guernsey cattle, which left Plymouth for New York, is valued at \$11,000.

The Variety Concert in aid of the R.A. Association takes place to-morrow in the Theatre Royal at 9.15 p.m.

Commander R. M. Tabuteau, the Governor of Brixton Prison, lecturing at St. Mark's, Kensington, said that last month all the cells in Brixton were fitted with washstands, so that prisoners could wash themselves as reasonable men.

New Kowloon Inland Property Lots, Nos. 221 and 223 with areas of 4,320 and 9,810 square feet respectively were sold yesterday afternoon at the China Auction rooms after brisk bidding. The auctioneer was Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa. The former, with a Crown Rental of \$20 was knocked down to Mr. Sam Kam for \$21,500, after being started at \$20,000. The latter, with a Crown Rental of \$40, put up at an upset price of \$50,000, reached \$55,250 at which price it was knocked down to Messrs. Chan Ying-ye and Wong Pan.

The new dock at the Kiangnan Dock and Engineering Works, which has been under construction for the last 19 months, was opened last week by the docking of the str. Liberator, a 11,000-ton United States Shipping Board steamer. The Liberator, measures 430 feet in length with a 56-foot beam. The newly constructed dock is capable of accommodating vessels 500 feet long, 60 feet beam with a draft of 23 feet. The dock was designed and constructed by R. B. Mauchan and the entire work was carried out by the Kiangnan Dock and Engineering Works, no outside contractors being employed in the works. The company now have two dry docks and with the modern equipment for pumping and handling of this class of work are in an advantageous position, which considerably increases the facilities, not only of the Kiangnan works but of the port of Kiangnan.

National Savings Certificates sold to date number 718,799,876.

One (Chinese) case of cerebro-spinal fever was notified for the 24 hours ended Thursday last.

The current issue of "The Yellow Dragon" (Queen's College) is a double number and is full of light-heartedness.

In response to numerous requests from passengers who desire to amuse themselves by working cross-word puzzles on trains, the Canadian National Railways have ordered dictionaries to be placed on all library equipped cars.

The National Savings Committee announce that the Italian authorities have decided to offer the people of Italy a new investment called the "Buono Postale Fruttifero," which appears to be modelled in many respects upon the National Savings Certificate, whose great success in this country has impressed many foreign nations.

Official returns show that 11,851 Jews, 4,573 men, 3,830 women and 3,442 children, entered Palestine as immigrants during the 12 months ended December last. During the same period, the Jewish emigrants numbered 2,037, so that the net increase of the population through immigration during the year was 9,814. The corresponding increase in 1923 was 3,788.

The interiors of the temples of the two most powerful Buddhist sects in Japan are to be opened to the motion picture camera. The Higashi Honganji and the Nishi Honganji sects in Kyoto have decided to make use of the movies in their missionary work, and allow the temples and sacred precincts to be used as locations for filming the lives of the priests and the religious ceremonies. The scenario of a religious drama by the chief priest of Higashi Honganji already is being cast.

Another sunk German destroyer has been lifted at Scapa Flow by Messrs. Cox and Danks, Ltd., London.

The fourth annual general meeting of the British Legion will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, May 1, at 5.30 p.m.

The "Far-Eastern Traveller's Gazette" for April-June, issued by Messrs. Thos. Cook & Co., Ltd., is replete with information, and contains valuable information to those about to travel.

P. Pehrson, the well-known British motor-cyclist, in the 2,000 miles "Deutschlandfahrt," the most important motoring event in Germany, completed the course, despite snowstorms, without an involuntary stop.

Returning to their bases after their fruitless search for the missing Hull trawlers, H.M.S. Harebell and Godetia dipped their ensigns as they passed the Humber in silent salute to the dead fishermen.

An instrument called the "prophet of the tides" has been presented by the Liverpool steamship owners to the Bidston Observatory at Birkenhead. The machine will tell the time of ocean tides in any part of the world 50 years in advance, and it will also give the time of all the tides during the last 500 years.

The following commendatory letter has been addressed by the Shanghai Council to the Commissioner of Police on the termination of the recent cotton mill strike:

I am directed to request you to convey to all ranks of the Police Force an expression of the Council's grateful acknowledgment of their arduous services in connection with the recent cotton mill strike. The Council is of the opinion that serious developments were averted by the vigilance of the Police and their tactful handling of a difficult situation and wishes to record its gratification at the efficacy of the measures taken to deal with it.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Prince George will be the guest of the Honourable Society of Gymnosophorists at their annual dinner to-day.

Mr. J. G. McGrath of the Lee White Co., Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Snodgrass, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Aldrich, and Mr. P. W. Parker are passengers on the President Pierce which left yesterday.

The engagement is announced between Lieut. Comdr. Clement Ellis, R.N., and Madeline, younger daughter of the late Herbert George Bowler, of Shanghai, China, and Mrs. Bowler, 25, Fitzroy Avenue, West Kensington.

Doctor Arthur Bostwick, library authority, scientist, and author, is to go to Shanghai next month. The purpose of his visit is to consult the Chinese Commission on the question of introducing modern libraries into China. Dr. Bostwick represents the American Library Association, which, it is said, proposes to establish libraries in China with the American share of the Boxer Indemnity.

Reuter cables.—The death of Sir Eyre Crowe, Sir Eyre Crowe, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., had been permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs since 1920. He was born on July 30, 1864, 3rd son of the late Sir Joseph Archer Crowe, K.C.M.G., C.B. He was appointed as a Clerk in the Foreign Office, 1885; Senior Clerk, 1906; Counsellor of Embassy, 1907; Assistant Under-Secretary of State, 1912; Minister Plenipotentiary, 1919.

The death has occurred at St. Marie's Hospital, French Concession, Shanghai, of M. Louis Ardain, Manager of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, at the age of 55. The late M. Ardain had been in the Far East for many years and all his life he had been connected with the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, having served at some time or other at nearly all the Banque's branches in the Far East. He served at the branches at Saigon, Bangkok, Canton, Hongkong, Singapore, Pnom Penh and Haiphong and came to Shanghai, where he was appointed manager of the Shanghai branch in 1910. He was a member of the Committee of the French Chamber of Commerce for China. For his great services he was made Chevalier of the Legion of Honour. He leaves a widow and a son, both of whom are in Shanghai.

Caroline Thompson, Portsmouth, has died, aged 100.

The next visit of inspection which the King pays to the Royal Tank Corps will provide His Majesty with an opportunity of wearing the new headdress of the corps, which all who have seen and worn it so far agree is remarkably becoming. Something similar in shape is worn by the post-war Highland regiments in which his Majesty holds a command.

The Rev. J. Mullins, C. M., widely known and hailed as Father Mullins, is leaving Peking next week for Tientsin en route home on furlough. He will work among the soldiers in Tientsin before going on to Shanghai to board a steamer early in May for Europe. Fortunately for Peking, says the Peking Leader, it is understood that he will return toward the end of October, so he is not technically "leaving" Peking. His many friends will look forward to his return after a well-deserved vacation at home.

A resolution of gratitude from the Empress of France's tourists was recently sent to the Minister of Communications at Peking. Three paragraphs commenced *Whereas*; the fourth and last reading.

Therefore, be it resolved that we express to the Government of the Republic of China, to the Ministry of Railways and Communications and through them, to the benign people of the great Chinese Republic, in words of heartfelt thanks, our distinct sense of appreciation and satisfaction for a visit that has been as thoroughly delightful as it has been memorable and gratifying.

Says "The Yellow Dragon" (Queen's College) The cross-word puzzle has attacked several members of the European Staff, and now, after tiffin, instead of ensconcing themselves comfortably for a nap, they lay their heads together and try to solve the puzzles in various papers. Laughter was caused on one occasion by the ignorance of the Bible displayed by our two padres. One of the required words was "the father of Abraham." The two reverend gentlemen could not tell, and what made this the more remarkable was that two of the heathens knew the gentleman's name. In other respects however the Church is waking up; our junior padre has become an enthusiastic dancer. He will be smoking next.

Mr. J. K. Brand, the popular amateur jockey at Shanghai, has been taken to hospital on account of an attack of scarlet fever. It is satisfactory to know that Mr. Brand is not considered to be in any danger, as it is but a slight attack, but unfortunately it will keep him out of the saddle for the Spring Meeting.

Mr. Fletcher S. Brockman, who was formerly for many years the General Secretary of the National Committee of the Y.M.C.A. of China, will arrive in Shanghai on May 4. Mr. Brockman who is unknown in Hongkong has recently been appointed Administrative Secretary of the Foreign Department of the National Committee for the Far East and in this connection will spend a part of each year in visiting Associations in China, Japan, Korea and the Philippines.

A writer in the Evening Standard, saying how glad he is to have Sir Frank Swettenham join him in one of his hunts after truth, remarks that, what we are hunting now is the swimming monkey, with side-lights on the origin of the human race. Sir Frank has seen monkeys swimming. Also once, on the banks of the Perak River, he saw a monkey swimming under water in a deep pool, and was told that it was trained to catch fish. During the ten minutes he watched the monkey had no luck but, remembering the monkeys which are trained to gather coconuts, he saw no reason to doubt its powers.

Field Marshal Sir William Birdwood, who in November will become Commander-in-Chief in India, is affectionately known to thousands of soldiers as "Birdie," and to the public as "The Soul of Anzac." About two months ago the Overseas League entertained him to a lunch, and in his speech he explained how on his way there he had met a very young member of the League. "We are entertaining General Birdwood to-morrow," the young man confided to him. "We often entertain an old bluster of that sort. We don't believe all they say, but they like it, and the older they are the more they talk." Sir William, who is not yet sixty, fell in with the young man's enthusiasm, and said he thought General Birdwood was about ninety! India is no new field to our latest Field-Marshal, for he spent most of the years between the South African and European wars in that part of the Empire, and was Commander-in-Chief during the recent absence of Lord Rawlinson.

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VICTORIA DIOCESE. SYNOD OF THE CHINESE CHURCH. THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The fourth meeting of the Synod of the Chinese Church in the Diocese of Victoria, Hongkong, was held in the Cathedral Hall, yesterday and will be continued until Friday. The Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppy, D.D., Bishop of Victoria, presided, and there were delegates from the various Chinese Churches throughout the diocese.

In the opening address, the Bishop said:—

Our Diocesan Synod was constituted in 1913. This the fourth meeting of the Synod and the second over which it has been my privilege to preside.

Our last meeting was held, if you remember, three years ago in the vestry of the newly consecrated Church of Our Saviour, Canton. The real progress that is being made in this Diocese God only knows for it is God alone who knows the souls of men. But at a time like this we are bound to take stock of our position; to try to see where we have gained and where we have lost and to enquire what is the direction in which we are moving.

(a) The larger life of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.—And first as to the larger life of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui—twelve months we had the privilege of welcoming to South China the General Synod. It was a privilege unique in our history when we welcomed fifteen bishops and delegates from almost every part of China and visitors from beyond China. In the work that was accomplished then the following points call for special notice from me to-day.

1.—The constitution of Shensi as a missionary district.—This is the last step towards its establishment as a separate Diocese. Nine years of steady work has been done by our church in this northern province. I am glad that though here in the South we have heavy commitments of our own, we have from the first taken our full share in this work. We are pledged as a Diocese to give \$1,000 a year towards it.

2.—The appointment of a Committee for work among the Chinese Overseas.—This is a problem which especially affects us. We are constantly asked to supply workers for Chinese in different parts of the world and as you know two of our younger clergy have already gone forth for this service—the Rev. Teo See-fong to Melbourne and the Rev. Edward Lee to New Zealand. I look forward to a day when our Divinity School in Canton will not only be able to supply us with fully equipped workers for this Diocese but also will be able as part of its regular work to provide helpers asked for by the Chinese authorities in places overseas.

3.—The establishment of the Women's Missionary Service League and the position accorded to women in the Council and work take their place equally with men in the central councils of the Church and also may be ordained as deaconesses.

In this diocese we owe much to the work of women. And I am sure they are going to be at the front in Chinese Christianity. Already women have been appointed to the Hongkong Church Board, established twenty-three years ago and took their seats for the first time at our last meeting held this month, and I am sure we shall profit by their counsel.

I welcome the formation of the Women's Missionary Service League and I hope the League will be strongly represented in this Diocese and may help us to reach out to some of the vast untouched areas within it.

4.—National Christian Council.—I am glad that a resolution was passed welcoming the formation of the National Christian Council. I am convinced in a country where there are something like two hundred and forty Christian organisations, a council like this can be a real help. And I am sure that the desire of us all is without sacrificing anything essential in historic Christianity to reach out towards the universal fellowship of a reunited Church.

5.—Central Theological School.—One of the projects of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui now in its thirteenth year has before it is the provision of a worthy Central Theological School. It is a project of immense importance for the future of the Chinese Church. You will remember that the Dioceses have been asked to contribute before the next General Synod the sum of \$10,000 towards a building fund. In South China we have of course our own theological college at Canton but I hope that we shall nevertheless be able to take our part in this important

work and in due course may be able to contribute something also towards the expenses of the Central Theological College.

(b) Work of this Diocese.—1.—Educational Work.—And now to turn to the work in this Diocese. Along certain lines there has undoubtedly been I think progress for instance in Educational work. During the time that has elapsed since last Synod the new St. Stephen's College for Girls has been built in Hongkong; Holy Trinity College for boys in Canton; a new block has been added to St. Paul's College and on June 6 His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to lay the foundation stone of St. Paul's Girls College. In Kowloon, the new Diocesan Boys' School is in course of erection, and a site has been promised, and money is being collected, for building St. Stephen's Boys' College at Stanley.

2.—Other Buildings.—And speaking of buildings there is other work that calls for mention: the in-patients block at Yunnantse Hospital; a new Preaching Hall and catechist's house at Liem-chow.

Here in Hongkong the Government has provisionally earmarked a site at Homantin where we have undertaken to build at a cost of \$30,000 within the next twenty-four months a Church and pastor's house and within a second period of twenty-four months a school.

Secondly, the Government has earmarked a site for a Preaching Hall in a rapidly developing part of Kowloon. If we are farsighted we shall see we are not too late in providing for the ministrations of our Church in what I have no doubt whatever will in a very few years become a vastly populated area.

Then again since last we met in Synod the old Theological College at Shek-Pai has been sold. The money has been placed on fixed deposit in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank pending the raising of an additional sum by the Chinese Church for the erection of a much needed parochial hall and pastor's residence adjacent to the Church of Our Saviour, Canton, which will be a central rallying place for our church life in Kwongtung.

In making the above enumerations I am of course aware that I have spoken of Mission projects as well as those which more immediately come under the control of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui but I have spoken of these because they all have in view the one main aim of building up the Chinese Church.

3.—Finance.—Another line along which there has been distinct advance since our last Synod has been that of Finance. I am sure that our Diocesan Finance Board has come to stay and that the work which it is doing is of immense importance to the well being of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

In the first place the finance board has now become responsible for the payment of all Chinese workers. A great deal of work formerly controlled by the Church Missionary Society is now controlled by the finance board, to which C.M.S. makes a block grant. And in the establishment of this Board we owe an especial debt to the kindness and generosity of several laymen, Mr. Lam Woe, the treasurer; Mr. J. M. Wong, J.P., the secretary; Mr. Woo Yee-tung, the accountant. Confessedly the finance board is only as yet at the beginning of its work but what I am concerned to record to-day is that a good beginning has been made.

One thing I am anxious to see is the establishment of a really strong Central Fund which shall be invested and the interest of which shall be used for the payment of workers and more especially as an auxiliary fund to augment what is provided by local congregations for the stipends of clergy. A good beginning has been made: \$14,000 has been subscribed. There has been striking generosity in many directions but we cannot say that provision for the payment of the Chinese clergy is yet on a self-supporting basis, but I hope before another Synod this also may be accomplished.

4.—Country Work.—The part of our work where I think the least apparent advance has been made is in some of our country work. I may be wrong in my impressions here and if I am right the unsettled condition of the country is answerable for much. What we have to remember is that three-quarters of the people of China live in country districts and that a living Church must be constantly pushing out into unreached regions.

While I say this I should also like to record the heroic way that some of our country workers, men and women, have stuck to their posts amid great difficulties and dangers. What I desire to emphasize is that this Diocese of which I am Bishop is one of the least developed as well as one of

the largest in the world and we must not be content to let it remain thus. By common consent the provinces of Yunnan, Kweichow and Kwangsi (the southern part of which is part of this Diocese) are the least developed from a Christian point of view in all China. And here as I have already suggested I hope the newly formed Women's Missionary Service League will help us. I know there is the readiness of spirit among our women because at the time of the New Year preaching I went round with Miss Pitts and saw with my own eyes what some of our Chinese ladies are doing in the poorer parts of this city. And I have witnessed their keenness in many other directions also.

5.—Extension of Pastorates.—One of the subjects we have to consider at this Synod is the extension of Pastorates and I would like to see this meeting of Synod mark an epoch in this regard. I understand that it will be proposed that two new pastorates will be formed at Shek-kei and Tai-leung and Kongmoon and Hok Shan. I would also much like to see a pastorate formed at Nanning and one of our more experienced clergy offer for service there. I visited Nanning myself two years ago and saw the importance of the place. I know how the work of the Rev. Tsung Yat-seng was appreciated when he was there. It seems to me very much like betraying a trust if after beginning work there in 1914 we lay it down now, especially as it would mean that a number of our communicants would be unprotected. I would like this Synod very earnestly to consider the problem of the future of Nanning.

6.—Personnel.—Coming to personnel, the interval between the Synods has been one of heavy loss. We have lost in the first place our veteran worker and leader Archdeacon Barnett. It would be hard to describe how much he has done by his wise statesmanship for the building up of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui in this Diocese and I can only say we miss him at every turn. Our one consolation is that we know that wherever Archdeacon and Mrs. Barnett are their interest in this Diocese will never flag.

Then there are two others who also by their long service have become household names among us—Miss Pitts for her wonderful work in Hongkong and Miss Havers for her self-denyng labours in country work.

We have also lost a clergyman of great promise by the death of the Rev. R. D. Shaw.

There have been certain changes in the location of workers and also additions to the staff. These I do not propose to notice in detail here. I would merely record that since last Synod it has been my privilege to ordain—

as Deacons, Wong Fuk-ping, Mo Yung-in,

as Priest, Reginald Dupré Shaw.

7.—Ordinations.—Speaking of ordination leads me to add a word about Lay Readers. In the neighbouring Diocese of Fukien Lay Readers after three years of satisfactory service, and the passing of certain test receive a licence and a badge of office from the Bishop. I should be quite willing to consider a similar suggestion after the matter had received consideration by the Standing Committee of Synod.

8.—Confirmations.—The numbers confirmed have been as follows:—

1922.—183 (77 men and 106 women.)

1923.—200 (92 men and 108 women.)

1924.—98 (30 men and 68 women.)

In 1924 the Bishop was absent on leave for nine months.

1925.—125 (45 men and 80 women) during the four past months.

There are two notes on which I would close. The one is the need for instruction, the other is the need for holiness of life.

9.—Instruction.—First there is the need for learning both among us, clergy and also amongst our Church members.

A great English Bishop used to say to his clergy, "If you do not read you will become a burden to the Church in thirteen years," and I am sure this is true of every Church. Every year the Victoria Diocesan Association has given at Christmas time a gift of books to workers. I would like to receive suggestions from the clergy as to how best we may further study amongst ourselves Pastoral lectures and Study Circles have been suggested to me and I think both are good.

I would like to say here that I was glad that two of our clergy, the Rev. F. Jenkins and Wong Tung-ung were selected by the British and Foreign Bible Society for the important work of revising the New Testament in Cantonese colloquial. I understand that the revised version will be published shortly.

And amongst our Church people I hope everything possible will be done to foster among those who come for Baptism the regular reading of the Bible along the lines of the Scripture Union for instance or whatever means may best approve itself.

I would also like to stress the need for the most thorough possible preparation of those who are to be confirmed. I would always incline to err on the side of over preparation rather than the reverse. And I think it is a dishonour to our Church when candidates are presented to the Bishop inefficiently prepared. Confirmation time affords a unique opportunity for instruction in the principles of Christianity. This opportunity should be used to the full.

10.—Holiness of Life.—The supreme need is holiness of life. This tells more than anything else. The Church that will live and weather all the storms is the Church that is creating saints.

In some dioceses there is a Canon Missioner whose office is, by God's grace, to deepen spiritual life among workers and church members by the holding of retreats and other methods. I wish more could be done in this way in this Diocese. I hope that more may be done. Our work is to be tried by fire and the one thing that can as a last resort stand that test is holiness. There are no short cuts. The church that would be holy must pay the price. Above all we must be spiritual.

The great employer was interviewing an applicant for a vacant post.

"And what references have you?" said he.

"Didn't have no reference from my last job."

"Oh, and how was that?"

"It were a Government contract."

"Indeed? and how long ago?"

"Three months, sir."

"And what were you doing?"

"Six!"

Farmer—"Now, come along, and I'll teach you to milk the cow."

Cockeyed Hand—"Seem I'm new to it, Mister, hadn't I better learn on the calf?"

SHIPS' BOATS RACE.

HAICHING WINS TREVESSA TROPHY.

The third race for the Trevesa Trophy was held yesterday under favourable conditions, and the end was attended with all the excitement of a good race. Several launches with interested spectators, including many ladies, accompanied the boats until the finish.

The course was from Channel Rock, round Kowloon Rock and a mark boat near the Hongkong Yacht Club, Cust Rock Buoy, and back to the Club, a distance of over four miles.

On the signal being given, sails were hoisted and oars got going. With the alternate routes taken by the boats, it was not possible to determine the leaders, but nearing the Kowloon Rock this was apparent as the two Douglas boats (Haiching and Haiching) led, followed by a B. and S. boat, and Jardine's fourth. The two leaders maintained their position down to the mark boat, but a J. C. J. L. boat had crept up to third place and was slowly gaining on the second. The leader maintained the position rounding Cust Rock Buoy, having slightly increased her distance from the sister boat. Half way between Cust Rock Buoy and the finish, a lively tussle ensued between the three boats; the J.C.J.L. creeping up to second place with Haiching leading and Haiching falling behind. The Dutch boat gained on the leader, pulled up astide for a few seconds, and took the lead to the accompaniment of cheers from the smiling coxswain to his crew.

The inevitable then happened, the Dutch boat being caught by a strong gust of wind and finding herself brought to a standstill, the position being rendered worse by one of the crew dropping sail. The Haiching passed the Dutchman and ran out the winner.

The boats finished in the following order:—

1. Haiching (Douglas Steamship Co.) Cox. W. B. Wilkinson, Time: 45' 48".

2. Anhui (B. and S.) Cox. Mr. Pounder, Time: 45' 30".

3. Tiharoon (J.C.J.L.) Cox. Mr. C. Hen, Time: 45' 49".

4. Kwangtung (B. & S.) Cox. Mr. R. J. Munn, Time: 45' 54".

The other boats taking part were from the following ships: Mansang, Tjondari, Tallybus, Cheongshing, Hanksang, Taming, Van Cloon, and Chaksang.

The trophy was won the last time by the Haiching crew, which yesterday led almost all the way, but their disappointment was not so keen when the sister ship won again for the Douglas Company.

The trophy and the cup to the winning coxswain were then handed over to Mr. Wilkinson by Commodore Stirling, who complimented him on his fine win, and expressed the thanks of the Hongkong Yacht Club to the support given to the competition for the trophy, which was to commemorate Capt. Forster and his men for their gallant work on the ill-fated Trevesa. Three cheers were then given for the crew of the Haiching.

The son of the house had just commenced attending school, and he was very proud of the knowledge he was gaining. "Do you know, mother," he remarked, "that over five thousand elephants a year go to the making of our piano keys."

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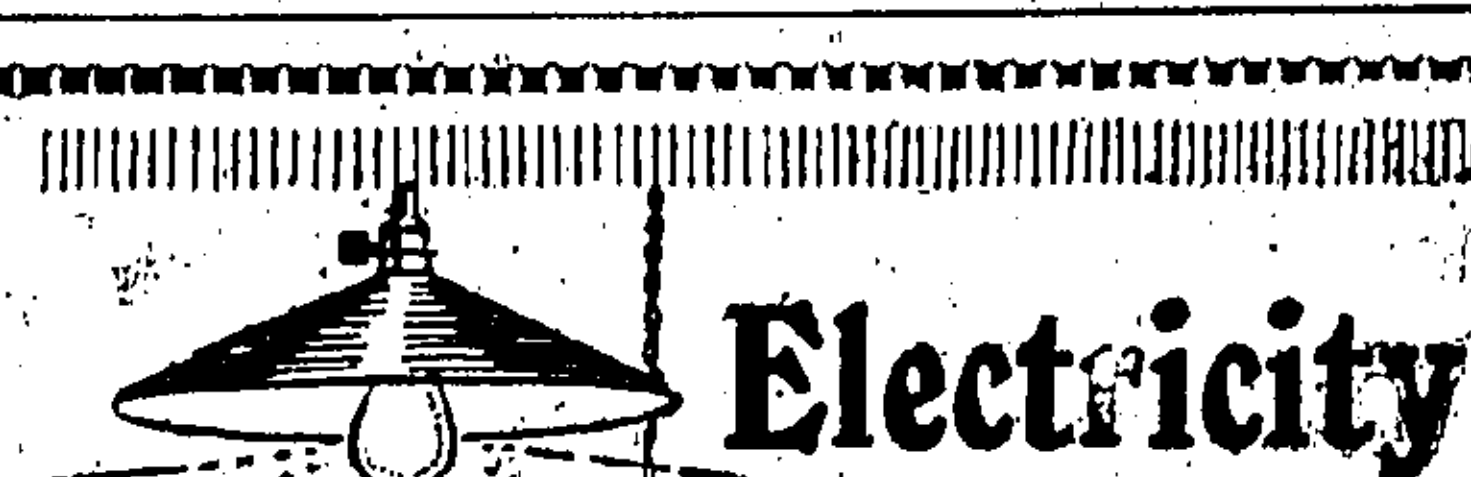
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MISS LUCY ALDRICH

Miss Luck Aldrich, sister-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. has been awarded \$11,000 by the Chinese Government to pay for her sufferings when she was captured by Chinese bandits more than a year ago, while travelling by the Shanghai-Peking railway. The bandits held her for \$1,000,000 ransom, but later released her.



DR. ELIZABETH CANTRELL

Dr. Elizabeth Cantrell, who declared that since childhood she had had the power to cure by touch alone, is to undergo a series of psychic tests under the direction of the British College of Psychic Science. Many tests of her power already have been made, but no explanation of its source has yet been determined.



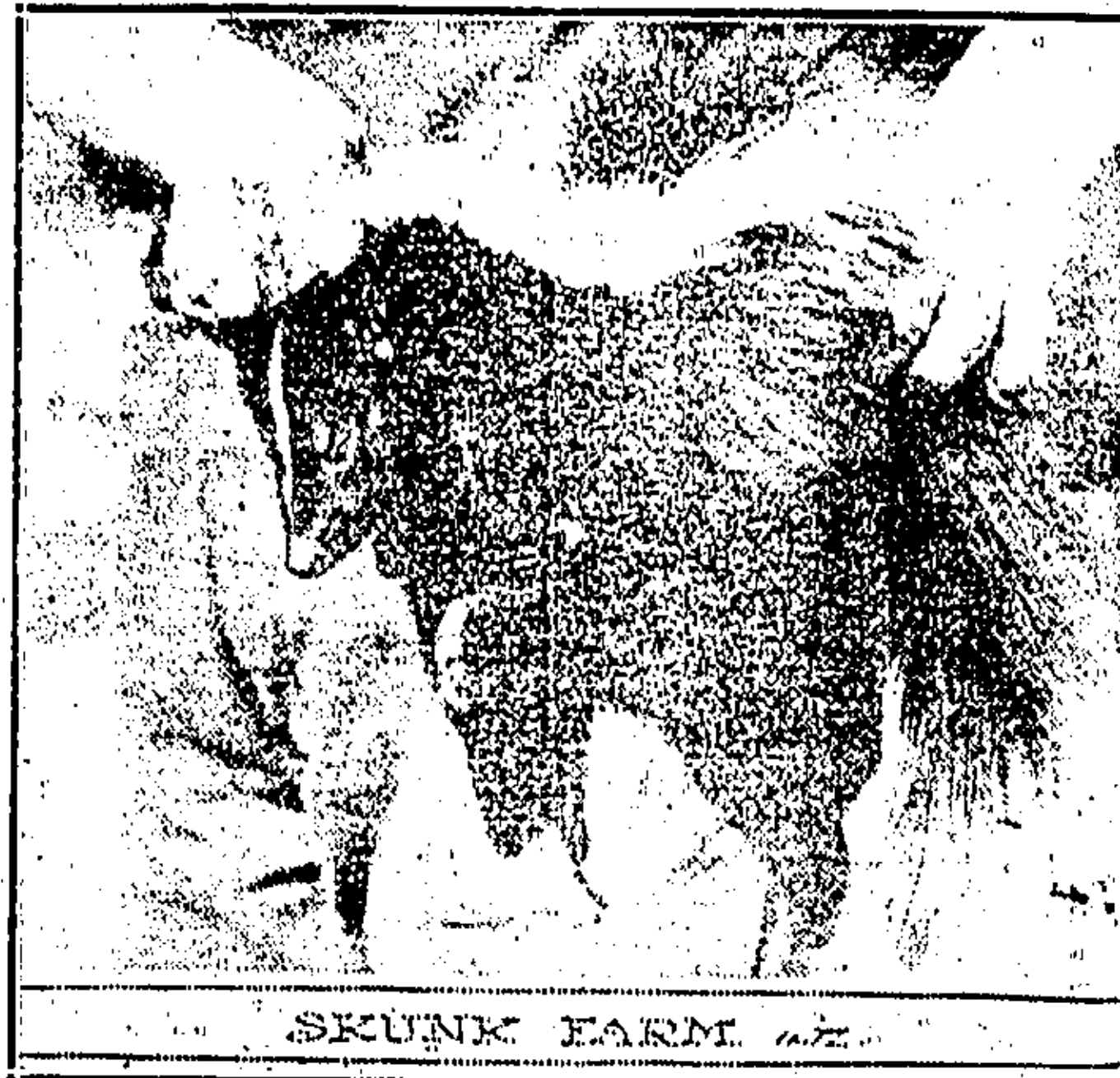
MR. & MRS. JOHN C. DEMAREST & THEIR DAUGHTER

The whole town turned out to celebrate the seventy-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Demarest, shown here with their daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Demarest Puls, in their home.



BENJAMIN CRANDALL

Benjamin Crandall, inventor of the baby carriage, has celebrated his 103rd birthday. Crandall has invented several other toys that have been used by all children for two generations.



SKUNK FARM

Lambert Nicholas, a mere boy, is earning a good living raising skunks for their pelts. He has learned how to pet the little animals without suffering their odours.



Here is the latest photograph of Lieut. Col. James Pechey, Commander of the United States Army Air Station at Kelly Field, Texas, who has been named Assistant Chief of the Army Air Service, succeeding Brigadier General William F. Mitchell.



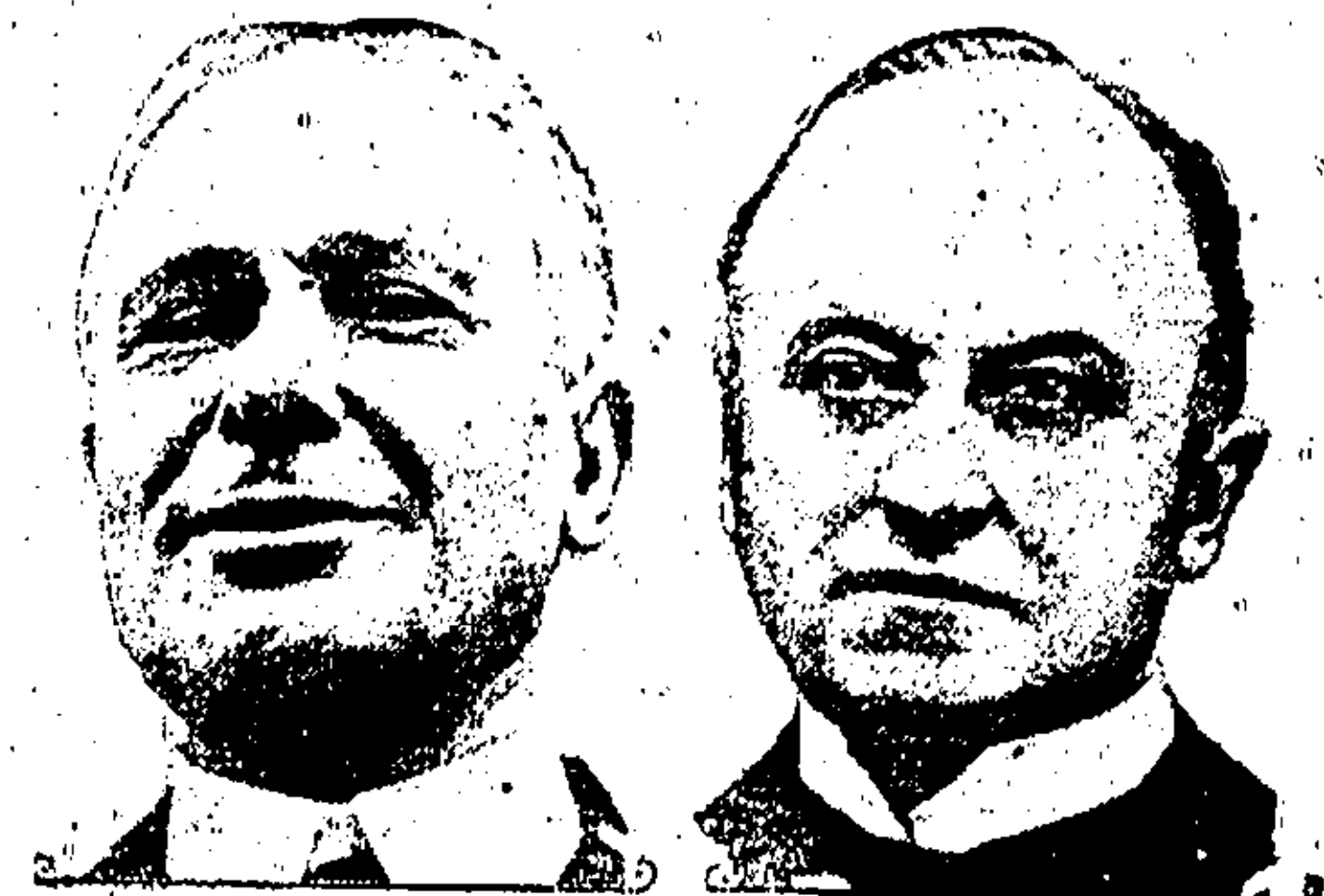
SHOPLIFTER'S DRESS

A shoplifter's dress, which is slit at the side and hemmed into a bag at the bottom to conceal the loot, was recently demonstrated to the police by one of the new women detectives.



MRS. WALTA LINFORTH & WILLIAM THREKELD

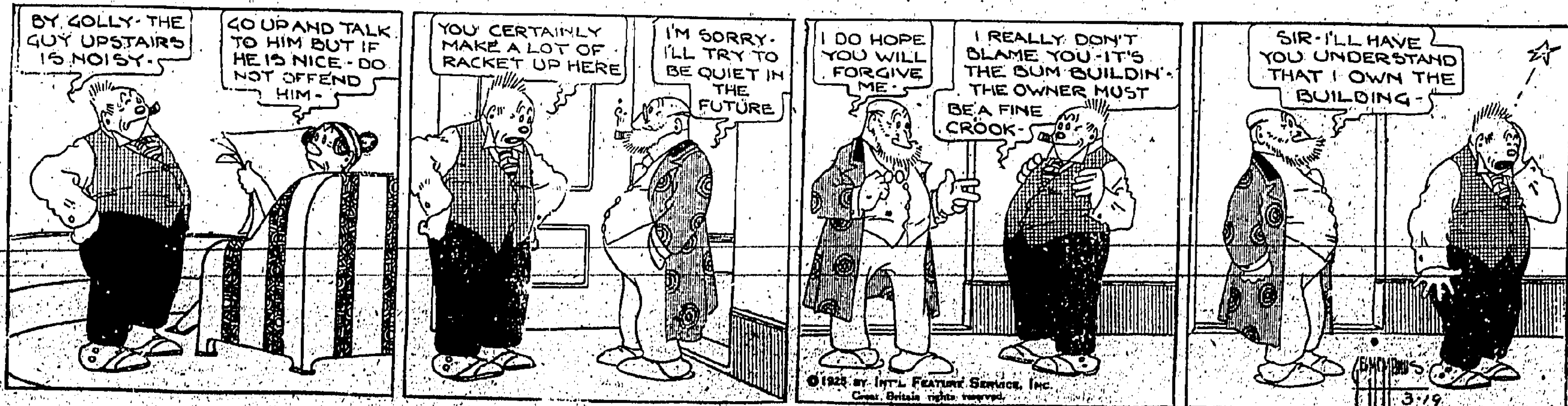
Miss Walta Linforth, skilled equestrian and member of a prominent and wealthy family, is reported to have been married to William Threkeld, a stable manager.



Above: JACOB G. SCHUYMAN & MARQUIS CURZON. Below: PRESIDENT MASARYK & EDWARD FISHER.

Dr. Jacob Gould Schuyman, former American Minister to China, was said to be a possible American Ambassador to Germany, a post made vacant by the transfer of Ambassador Houghton to London. Marquis Curzon of Kedleston, Lord President of the Council, died after an operation in London. High honours were paid President Masaryk, Czecho-Slovakia's "Grand Old Man," when he celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday in Prague. Edward Fisher, who served in the Thirty-eighth Infantry in the War, now living in Bayonne, declines to play dead, in spite of War Department rulings and those of the City of Bayonne. He threatens to chase his name from a roll of honour in the Bayonne Library if the city does not remove it soon.

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